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ISN'T this wonderful. It's called The Roxon X-Cube (right) and it's all yours this Christmas for £1,599.

However, before you rush off and order one, there's something else you should know – the X-Cube is a quadbike for kids, so it's a pretty expensive Chrissy present. It's one of a stack of Italian styled off-road motorcycles and quads for youngsters being marketed by Masco.

Power comes from a 50cc 2-stroke air-cooled engine, which gives the X-Cube a top speed of 40mph.

Details: 01743 761107 or visit www.roxon.co.uk

MR MUSCLE: New Corvette is a fully-loaded 186mph road rocket

IT'S A COR-VETTE

IF there's one thing the Chevrolet Corvette has always been, it's big, stupidly quick to the point of terrifying, horribly thirsty, and an absolute bargain.

Well, a new one goes on sale in January and, as far as I can make out, nothing much has changed ... it's still the most power you can get for your cash.

Chevrolet claim to have made the car not so harsh and violent on the road, while the interior has been smartened-up from the plasticky American affair that blighted previous models, and the gearbox has been upgraded to a slick six-speed.

Power from the Corvette's massive 6.0-litre V8 remains at 400bhp, coupled to 400lbs of torque, resulting in a top speed of 186mph and 0-60mph in a shattering 4.1secs.

Value

Chevvy claim an average 24.2mpg, and note that I use the word "claim" because you'd have to drive it like the boot was full of touch-sensitive bombs.

At £41,000 the Corvette is astonishing value ... if you live in mainland Europe. Sadly, latest models are still left-hand-drive, and there are no plans for right-hookers. What a shame.

FACTFILE

BMW 116i SE .

PRICE (on the road): £17,640. (range: £15,690 - £20,800).

ENGINE: 1,596cc, all-alloy, 16-valve, DOHC, with variable valve timing (115bhp, 114lb torque).

TOP SPEED: 125mph; 0-62mph: 10.8secs.

MPG: Urban: 26.9; extra urban: 47.9; combined: 37.7.

CO_2: 181g/km.

INS GROUP: 10.

Golf and Audi. And if you can afford the extra for the SE, it's good value. For £1,950 you get flash 16-inch, seven-spoke, alloys, climate control with separate driver and passenger settings, leather steering wheel with phone, computer and radio controls.

And that's just for starters.

There's also a rear parking warning system, rear-view mirror which dims automatically, fog lights, a folding arm-rest which contains a storage box and even blue lights that glow under the door handles in the dark.

Told you it was flash. And that's a lot extras for the cash.

So what's the drive like? Well, its 1.6-litre motor, pushing out just 115bhp, may not sound a lot these days, but you'd be surprised how quick this car is, especially once you get it moving.

You see, it's good for 125mph, which means there's stacks of mid-range pull, coupled to an excellent fuel-figure of 38mpg.

The handling, with rear-wheel-drive, is outrageous. It sticks to the road like a guard dog to your wrist, while you just get quicker and quicker.

Of course, being a BMW, it's quiet with it too, so you really have to keep an eye on the speedo.

Heavy

Yep, this is one great car. But unfortunately, it's inherited BMW down-sides that won't impress the people it's aimed at ... women.

And that's because the clutch is classic BMW. It's heavy and takes a lot of effort.

The steering, while parking, is just not light enough and girlies will get fed-up with hauling it about. And the doors ... those damned BMW doors.

They almost smash back into your face as you struggle to push them wide open.

After a week I got used to it, but there again I'm a man.

And if any of you saw me driving the 1 Series around, I repeat, I'm a bloke.

Okay?

IMAGE RATING

HERE'S how the BMW 116i SE fares image-wise.

REAR MIRROR MONSTER: Hugely impressive. Looks like a really mean machine thanks to swept-back window, big triple-bulb headlights and classic BMW grille.

BACKSIDE BEAUTY: Oh dear. Suddenly it looks small, and low to the ground. Pretty, it ain't.

PLAYTIME PLEASER: Gadgets galore. CD-stereo with steering wheel controls, twin zone climate control, rear parking warning system and a trip computer top the list.

NAUGHTY NIGGLES: Useless glove box. Safety belt doesn't adjust up and down over your shoulder, like most new cars, making it uncomfortable.

TASTY TOUCHES: Decent boot. Fully-adjustable steering wheel. Reasonable rear leg-room.

FAST OR LAST: Neither quick, nor slow, but fantastic handling coupled to an astonishing high-speed cruiser for only a 1.6-litre motor.

WONGA WONDER: Brilliant value. It may be small but it's a proper Beemer at an affordable price.

WOULD AN ESSEX GIRL LIKE IT? What a pose. Tracey would love being seen in it. And she'd like the car too.

LOOKING for something to do this weekend? Then get yourselves down to London's ExCeL Centre, in Docklands, for the mind-blowing Max Power show, which runs tomorrow and on Sunday. You'll see top modified motors, including the world's five best customized cars from Japan, Australia, Spain and the US. There's also the ICE village, home to the largest and loudest in-car entertainment systems in the UK, a live action arena, featuring top stunt drivers Terry Grant and Russ Swift, while Swedish supermodel Victoria Silvstedt, along with Daily Star favourites Lucy Pinder, Michelle Marsh and Jodie Marsh will be meeting fans and signing autographs. The show is open from 9.00am to 06.00pm on both days. Tickets are £24 and can be bought on entry.

BE A CUT-PRICE RODEO RIDER...

ISUZU have slashed the price of award-winning pick-up the Rodeo, meaning that a 2.5-litre diesel single-cab now starts at £8,995 (exc VAT), which gives a huge saving of £2,362.

The massive and superbly equipped double-cab (pictured) has gone down by £2,562 to £9,495, which is highly tempting for a motor that has been named best pick-up of the year by What Van? mag.

Personally, I just love that name: The Rodeo – driven by cowboys. Or should that be builders?

GIVE US A STEER

PARKER'S CAR GUIDES

Your motoring questions answered by the experts www.parkers.co.uk

Q SIX years ago I bought a car from a reputable dealer. I recently decided to trade it in, only to be told my car was a Category D write-off, and was only worth half its value. What does Category D mean, is the car really worth so much less, and can I legally sell it privately?

A *Category D's are cars that are uneconomical for the insurance company to repair, but haven't sustained enough damage to be scrapped – so they can be repaired.*

They can also be cars that have been replaced under "new-for-old" insurance replacement schemes.

You don't have to tell the potentials buyers that it's a Cat-D, but if you're asked, it's illegal to lie. However, it's better to be up front, as the buyer will find out about the damage from a car history check. Depending on the car, it can be worth only half the value of a normal car, as most buyers are willing to pay more for a car without a question mark over it.

Q What's the correct procedure for driving through floodwater?

A *Don't drive through water that looks too deep – better to turn back than be stranded. If the water is more than a few inches drive slowly in first gear and keep the revs up. And try to stick to the middle of the road, where the water is usually shallower.*

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MOTOR MOUTH EXTRA

Edited by GEORGE FOWLER

IT MAZDA BE YOU: Due in September, the Mazda 6 MPS is a leather-clad rocket

ZOOM ZOOM BOOM BOOM

WELL boil me for 10 minutes, stick some raw fish on my head and call me sushi.

From BILL IZZARD, in Hiroshima, Japan

Hungry for more success, Mazda is serving up some tasty Japanese offerings to bring to the motoring banquet in the next few months.

The first course is the Mazda6 MPS – meaning Mazda Performance System.

They wanted to call it the Mazda6 "Speed", but that would have gone down with our safety authorities like a Wayne Rooney personal appearance at an Emlyn Hughes tribute dinner.

Taste

Last week I was one of the world's first journalists to get a taste of the Mazda6 MPS at a race track near Osaka, Japan.

With a 2.3-litre, direct injection, turbo-charged engine, six gears and four-wheel drive, this car rocks.

Thrashing it round the twists and turns of a former F1 track may not be the ideal way to gauge how it handles on motorways – but it shows how it sticks to the road – and that's like glue. Also there is no trace of turbo lag when you hit the pedal. It zooms to 60mph in just over six seconds and climbs up to around 150mph.

Inside, the car is all leather, knobs and buttons, and feels sporty and comfortable.

The price hasn't been released yet, but expect about £26,000 when it hits our showrooms next September.

Right, clear the starters, here comes the main course, in the shape of a new Mazda MX5 and a concept version of a sports wagon.

Unfortunately news on these two delicacies – both of which I have seen – I'm not allowed to give you on pain of death.

But I can tell you the new MX5 will be unveiled early next year at the Geneva Motor Show.

But it doesn't take too much working out that it will be much the same as the world-beating original – only better.

I can also tell you that the other new car, the concept wagon, looks fantastic.

It will be unveiled at the Detroit Motor Show next month. Now, I usually blow my nose at concept cars because it normally means: "Here is a car that looks brilliant – that we can't afford to build."

I mean, I have this concept where I cover Kylie in marmalade and have her on toast for breakfast, but I can't see it happening.

But I do hope this Mazda concept sees the light of day, and when you see it soon I bet you agree.

Like a Japanese dinner, the Mazda courses keep coming, and the Ford-backed firm hopes to gobble up a slice of the people carrier market with the Mazda 5.

From what I can see this will be a sector-leading motor because the three banks of seats you get are simple to access and rearrange.

Gentle

I remember testing a Ford Galaxy and you needed to be a weightlifter to get the seats to move into position.

In the Mazda 5, gentle pulls and pushes do the job.

Finally on the menu is the Mazda RX8, the increasingly popular rotary engined sports car.

Not a launch this time, but Mazda has served up an improved rotary system, giving better performance to weight ratio and better fuel economy, while for the future, Mazda is working on a hydrogen duel-fuel version.

I hear that the RX8 has been so successful that the legendary RX7 may get a new lease of life.

It seems Mazda's zoom zoom, is about to become boom boom.

FACTFILE

Mazda6 MPS. **PRICE (on the road):** £26,000 (approx). **ENGINE:** 2.3-litre direct injection turbo with six-speed box and four-wheel-drive (274bhp). **TOP SPEED:** 147mph; 0-60 mph: 6.6secs. **ON SALE:** September.

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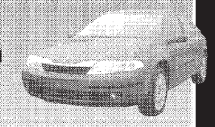

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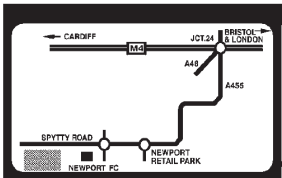

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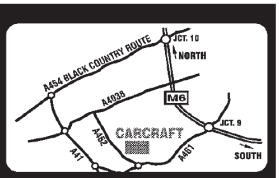

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HARDLY surprising that the Osbournes were burgled, the way Sharon flashes her jewels on The X Factor.

Her good friend Elton John will be the next – possibly already lined up by a mugger – the way he parades his ring-laden fingers with £5million on show.

These people may have talent but they seem lacking in sense.

P. ORMOND, Blackpool, Lancs.

❑ FOR the amount of money MPs make – I won't say earn – I am appalled at the scruffy appearance of some of them, especially the Education Secretary Charles Clarke.

What's wrong with a good shave?

D.R. BOULTON, Didcot, Oxon.

❑ AS a pensioner, I am horrified by the news that video recorders are to be scrapped. I have a treasured collection of almost 300 videos ranging from classic films, sports, TV series and more.

I cannot replace them with DVDs which would be impossible, not least because of the cost. It is so unfair that all my favourites may soon be useless.

D. SHATTOCK, Bristol.

❑ ONE thing you do not mention in your report on Janet Street-Porter's meeting with the snakes: what effect did biting this old harridan have on the poor snakes?

BEN BURTON, Dundee.

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❑ Bush wins 2nd term thru fear of terrorism now his poodle tries the same trick. **Jeff Mc**

❑ it is now 12 weeks since the criminal records bureau starting dealing with my non-existent criminal record. Keep up the good work eh? im in no hurry 2 start work. **freddie, n.east**

❑ smoke, binge drink, tec drugs. f*** the government! **Barnsley Boy**

❑ news flash to non smokers: you will all die one day too! **a.g, aberdeen**

❑ david blunkett was supposed 2 b on i'm a celeb but he cudnt find his passport. **Ronnie Random, Rhyl**

❑ just turned celeb off will not b watchin again! Vic!? might as well bring all the families in! **Pam & Mike**

❑ get helium-filled joe pasquale out of the jungle, his voice is higher than a dog whistle, he talks n JSP barks. **skinny fitter**

❑ tara palmer-tomkinson is 32 – is that age or cup size? **mal**

❑ What is tara p-t on in Im a celeb? Get her out of there! Cringe tv or wot? **CAROLE**

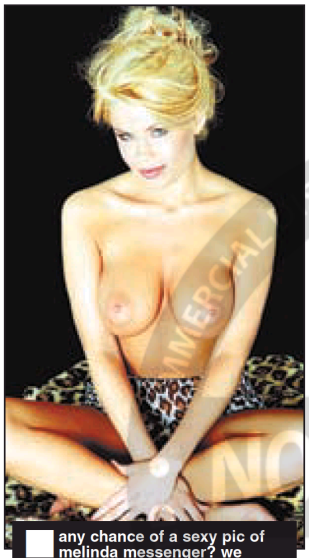
❑ Im fed up with folk moaning about reality T. shows, u dont have 2 watch them. some of us like them. hit the off button, dont moan. **Dave in Wakey**

❑ yo ash _ bb's victor is in the paper again for being a TIT, bet u wish u neva texted yestaday! **DODGE**

❑ THE TRISHA SHOW FULL OF TRAILER TRASH. MAKES JERRY SPRINGER LOOK CLASSY. **D. FITZ**

❑ Most revolting thing i've ever seen is Ricky Tomlinson. If i see this slob on Tv i am physically sick. **Masher**

❑ WELL DONE BBC 4 BRINGING BACK THE BIG YIN. THE MANS A LEGEND. **JIMMY HILLS CHIN**



❑ any chance of a sexy pic of melinda messenger? we havent seen her 4 a while. ***KEV, SCOTLAND***

❑ Does any1 know where Mr Benn used 2 live? **MARK & STUARTY**

❑ AN HOUR OF EASTENDERS ON CHRISTMAS DAY! I DEMAND A REFUND ON BBC TV TAX. **TC**

❑ Wots that tv ad all about – the 1 wiv the little japanese girl & the singin cherry? i just dont get it. **SALTY**

❑ I THINK DANCIN CAR AD IS BRILLIANT. **VIV, NOTTM**

❑ To debt dodger – 48hr week kicks in march 05 or 2/3 yrs time if ur owner driver – gud luck dude cos we gonna need it! **bert the trucker**

❑ if the darkness and busted r so good how come they havent sold out at newcastle arena yet. The foo fighters did it in 90mins a true rock band not a mickey mouse outfit. **mick the mackem**

❑ im a big queen fan + i fink freddy wud av a laugh at the electric 6 vid i dont c it as an insult. **t**

❑ Just seen electric 6 video, radio ga ga, p*ssed myself laughing, class! **Stan Wxm**

❑ All this talk of racist abuse, what about us gay blokes who have to put up with it every day? spare a thought for us! **Big Singer from Dalbeattie**

❑ Anyone else thinks kylie looks like a horse? Her & sarah jessica parker separated at birth! **debbie**

❑ who wouldn't want 2 get cheeky with the gorgeous Sam Parker? More pix pls. **Mikey, Bristol**

❑ SEXY SAM PARKER WIL U MARRY ME PLS? **TERRY**

❑ All i want 4 Xmas is 2 go over Geri Halliwell's knee for spanking! **Mud**

❑ 2 Darren in devon, Maxine Carr is SCUM! **Dan, Scarborough**

❑ Is A-sexuality the new rock and roll? I just dont seem 2 fancy women or men! **JULES**

❑ Another boring week of nights in my signalbox. Any girls wanna come and pull my lever and do some shunting? **RAILROAD SLIM**

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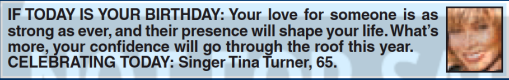

Aries (Mar 21–Apr 20)

WHATEVER happens, your freedom cannot be denied. All you have to do is follow your heart. Also, there is no doubt that somebody is about to declare their allegiance, and you may have to go boldly where you have never been before. To see why you need to proceed at a relaxed pace, call…

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Taurus (Apr 21–May 21)

YOU may have been about to enter discussions, but you would probably have regretted committing yourself to something that might never pay off. The likelihood is that a deal will exceed all your expectations next week. To see why your heart is ruling your head, call…

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Gemini (May 22–June 22)

YOU still have a high regard for someone, even though they have behaved strangely. True, there may be another encounter shortly. Moreover, how do you get yourself into these situations? But, in this instance, you should be enthralled. To see why you should be able to resolve past issues, call…

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Cancer (June 23–July 23)

YOU should be able to pick up the pieces and act as though nothing has happened. What occurred earlier this week may have been coincidental, but trust your heart and you may be surprised by the ability of others to deliver. To see how you could improve things, call…

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Leo (July 24–Aug 23)

TRUE, you may believe in somebody with every fibre of your body. But you must admit that your faith has been misplaced or you feel you've been duped. Fortunately, what you receive in compensation will more than make up for it. To see why you can refuse anything, but not love, call…

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Virgo (Aug 24–Sep 23)

THERE a conflict of interests, which probably explains why you are trying to dodge people. But, no doubt what is decided next week is workable. In the meantime, you can count on a friend to arrange something beneficial. To see why you mustn't reject someone, call….

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Libra (Sep 24–Oct 23)

MAYBE what you have to do requires a lot of effort, but there are steps you can take to make things easy. Also, expect some rather optimistic encounters. True, others may find your actions bewildering. But you are about to realise an unfulfilled wish. To see why you should be positive, call…

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Scorpio (Oct 24–Nov 22)

YOU are not in a position to complain, particularly when someone else pays the bills or makes the money. Even if there are personal issues to be addressed, once an agreement is signed, you won't have to be so frugal. To see why your anxieties will go away, call….

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Sagittarius (Nov 23–Dec 21)

YOU are more frivolous and flirtatious than usual. Except that a domestic issue came to a head this week, and you may be feeling a bit sad. Even so, you are now bound to have fun when you are out and about. To see why this has to be a time of amazing encounters, call…

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Capricorn (Dec 22–Jan 20)

EVERYTHING has happened so fast that little makes sense, but you are intrigued. Also, it will be interesting to see what occurs when someone gets back to you. However, keeping tabs on people may not be easy. To see why all your efforts have not been wasted, call…

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Aquarius (Jan 21–Feb 19)

YOU may have quite a large circle of friends and business acquaintances. But after what took place recently, you are going to have to be more choosy or discerning. Also agree how and when you are going to get paid in future. To see why life should be less turbulent, call…

To receive daily texts send DSAQU to 63333 **0905 072 0099 (11) ***

Pisces (Feb 20–Mar 20)

YOUR behaviour has had an inflammatory effect, and those at the top don't know whether to trust you. But you won't be punished and what has happened could pave the way for negotiations. To see why the best solution might not be the obvious one, call…

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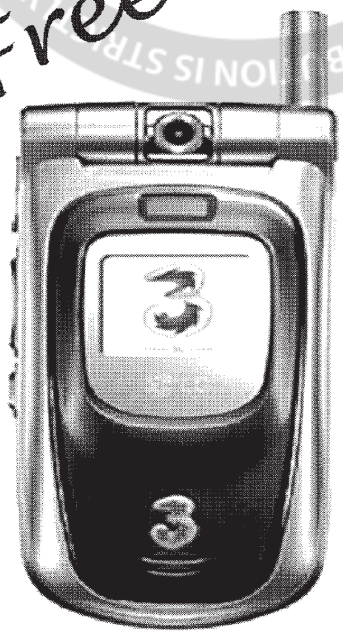

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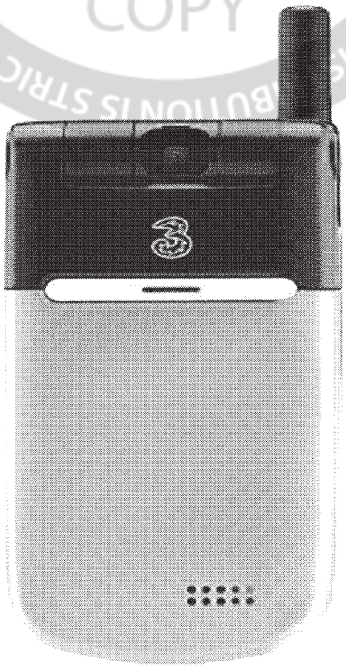

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RON'S A FRIDAY SPECIAL

■ by JIM AUSTIN

IT'S Friday, it's a 225m race, it's Romford – it must mean an appearance of Ronnies Boss – and how right you are!

If only things in life were as simple, but profiting from Linda Jones' dog at the weekly Essex track meets has been plain-sailing, and tonight should be no exception as he goes for his seventh consecutive C&D win and 13th in total.

As sure as eggs are eggs, Ronnies Boss dons his favoured striped jacket as the sole wide seed and, while the odds on offer will not be great, it should simply be a case of putting the cash down and picking it up with a decent interest return for just a 13-odd second deposit.

Local favourite Ninja Lark pulled victory from the jaws of defeat with a tenacious effort last week and he will be many people's idea of a banker in the finale, but there could be value in opposing Paul Young's dog in what is a more competitive race than it first seems.

Fellow local Low Breeze possesses decent toe into the corner and looks a hazard to Ninja Lark to the extent that the pair could well come together on the dash to the corner.

Flame Of Hope (10.40) revealed two aspects of his game during the London Scurry at the Racing Post Festival. The first of those was fairly obvious in that he possesses plenty of ability, but the second, and just as crucial for tonight, that he was desperate for a middle draw.

Hassle

Slotted in the 'pinging' three-box, Patsy Cusack's dog has plenty going for him and a 24.30sec C&D win last month strongly suggests that if he gets first run or even a handy pitch without hassle early, he will take some beating.

Alamshar (10.24), who formed part of Derby-winning trainer Ian Reilly's raiding squad for the premier Classic in the summer, has clearly had his problems, but looked something like his old self when making all over 575m here last week. A repeat performance looks very much on the cards.

Local runners have a tendency to dominate here and tonight should go with the grain with Young expected to notch a double courtesy of

SHAR THING: Romford hope Alamshar

Knockard Moth (7.45) and **Any Time Now** (10.08), while Puppy Cup finalist Quality Assured (8.48) can complement last week's front-running success for Dave Mullins in the puppy four-bender.

Meanwhile, a night of shock results during the second round of the Oaks has left the bitches Classic wide-open with sponsors William Hill now going 3-1 the field ahead of tomorrow's three semi-finals. See tomorrow's Star for a full preview.

Betting (Hills): 3 One Yard, 5 Sarah Loves, 6 Nellies Toffee, 8 Blakes Magic, 10 Shebas Magic, Lindy Lou, 12 bar.

WIMBLEDON TIPS

7.30 **MOYNE BRIDGE** (3) .... Four Winds (6)
7.45 **CHURCHROCK BOSS** (nap) (3) .. Windgap Molly (5)
8.00 **REIDY BLASTER** (5) .... Oliver Poliver (3)
8.15 **ROCKMOUNT ZETA** (1) .... Cloneys Black (2)
8.30 **HANKS WISH** (nb) (5) .... Rich N Pretty (6)
8.45 **BOBS MEMORY** (1) .... Din Dins (2)
9.00 **LACEY LADY** (1) .... Lilywhite Mo (2)
9.15 **MAGS MAGIC** (2) .... Disturbance (1)
9.30 **DASH OF SPEED** (3) .... Vanilla Fudge (5)
9.45 **LOVABLE LINDSEY** (3) .... Cool Polly (2)
10.00 **TALLY RIVER** (1) .... Ardera Amy (2)
10.15 **FOXCOVER LEGEND** (2) .... Doneagainjon (6)
10.30 **ARBOUR JACK** (5) .... Big Showoff (2)

ROMFORD TONIGHT

7.30 (Open) 225m
1 2515 Pax (qa ep) 13.59
2 56S1 Vivace (rl ro) 00.00
3 2432 Nosey Harry (qa ep) 13.86
4 636S Murtys Black (md ro) 13.94
5 S122 **Lukes Boy** (md ep) 13.97
6 1231 **RONNIES BOSS (NAP)** (wd ep) 13.56
Star betting: 4-6 Ronnies Boss, 3 Lukes Boy, Pax, 9-2 Nosey Harry, 14 Murtys Black, 25 Vivace.

7.45 (Open) 400m
1 1156 Finest Black (qa ro) 00.00
2 6112 **KNOCKARD MOTH** (sa wd) 24.68
3 5122 **Storm Spiral** (wd fw) 24.98
4 Trap Vacant
5 2241 Rusheen Magpie (md ep) 24.87
6 4223 Newlawn Legend (ep ro) 24.72
Star betting: 6-4 Knockard Moth, 7-2 Storm Spiral, Newlawn Legend, 4 Rusheen Magpie, 8 Finest Black.

8.01 (Open) 400m
1 5533 Coolmona Dave (ep ro) 00.00
2 6211 Placid Storm (md ro) 25.15
3 Trap Vacant
4 3515 **CILL DUBH WONDER** (sa fw) 24.74
5 2315 Mais Alice (qa ep) 24.79
6 1426 **Boss Law** (ep md) 24.68
Star betting: 9-4 Cill Dubh Wonder, Boss Law, 3 Mais Alice, 9-2 Coolmona Dave, 5 Placid Storm.

8.17 (Open) 400m
1 131 Seomra Bondi (sa ro) 00.00
2 6S1S Oh So Gorgeous (sa md) 24.77
3 1132 **Gissa Nuvva** (qa ep) 24.80
4 135S Davdor Dashing (md ep) 24.82
5 3611 **KINGDOM SUNRISE** (qa ro) 24.46
6 2211 Avaheen Prince (ep ro) 00.00
Star betting: 15-8 Kingdom Sunrise, 7-2 Gissa Nuvva, 4 Avaheen Prince, 5 Seomra Bondi, Davdor Dashing.

8.32 (Open) 575m
1 4114 Buckland Wally (qa rl) 00.00
2 2S31 **Newlawn Jerry** (sa ro) 36.41
3 4244 Droopys Forum (ep md) 00.00
4 4311 Aghaburren Sir (md ro) 36.32
5 2411 **AIRTECH ROBBO** (md ro) 00.00
6 5243 Archers Sparkler (rl ro) 36.40
Star betting: 7-4 Airtech Robbo, 3 Newlawn Jerry, Archers Sparkler, 9-2 Aghaburren Sir, 11-2 Droopys Forum.

8.48 (Open) 400m
1 4526 Worldwide Rose (sa ro) 24.55
2 5132 Kilcoran Chick (sa ro) 25.10
3 1551 **QUALITY ASSURED** (sa ro) 24.55
4 4S13 Kings Oak (ep ro) 24.60
5 6421 **Droopys Nectar** (md ep) 24.63
6 1111 Black Pepper Joe (sa ro) 00.00
Star betting: 6-4 Quality Assured, 7-2 Kilcoran Chick, 4 Droopys Nectar, 9-2 Worldwide Rose.

9.04 (Open) 400m
1 4665 **PANTONE DEMON** (ep ro) 25.05
2 4121 Kelsos True Blue (sa fw) 24.93
3 21S3 Tunguska Gold (qa ep) 24.99
4 33 1 **Jimmy The Lad** (sa ro) 00.00
5 5313 Some Honcho (md ro) 25.17
6 5155 Flashing Memory (wd ep) 00.00
Star betting: 11-8 Pantone Demon, 9-4 Jimmy The Lad, 4 Some Honcho, 5 Kelsos True Blue, 7 Tunguska Gold.

9.20 (Open) 400m
1 1114 Scarthy Rock (ep ro) 24.86
2 252S Cavecourt Major (ep ro) 24.58
3 2221 Snazzy Star (md ep) 24.55
4 5211 **Kiss The Tarmac** (qa ro) 00.00
5 2211 Bandicoot Ringo (ep wd) 24.58
6 2144 **FINAL TOPIC** (qa ro) 00.00
Star betting: 7-4 Final Topic, 3 Kiss The Tarmac, 7-2 Snazzy Star, 4 Bandicoot Ringo, 9-2 Cavecourt Major.

9.36 (A1) 400m
1 5214 Lifes Serenade (rl ep) 24.69
2 1211 **BOWMERS GRUMPY** (ep ro) 24.51
3 1461 Rhincrew Irene (qa ep) 24.65
4 5415 Brute Force (md ro) 24.62
5 6151 **Slims Rocket** (wd ep) 24.54
6 2116 Dusky Sailor (wd ep) 24.59
Star betting: 7-4 Bowmers Grumpy, 11-4 Slims Rocket, 7-2 Rhincrew Irene, 4 Brute Force, 6 Lifes Serenade.

9.52 (Open) 575m
1 4331 Forty Licks (ep fw) 36.53
2 6645 Some Rumble (sa ep) 00.00
3 3561 Cooly Robin (sa ro) 00.00
4 1223 **RHINCREW SYNDOL** (md fw) 36.64
5 6243 **Zoltan Champ** (ep ro) 00.00
6 S232 Fastest Flourish (wd ep) 00.00
Star betting: 7-4 Rhincrew Syndol, 5-2 Zoltan Champ, 7-2 Cooly Robin, 4 Forty Licks, 14 Fastest Flourish.

10.08 (Open) 400m
1 5624 Powerful Dasher (sa ro) 24.94
2 2361 Droopys Slim (qa ep) 24.69
3 5132 **Roswell Spaceman** (ep ro) 24.53
4 45S1 Ballyhoe Patriot (ep ro) 24.74
5 5146 Rhincrew Sabrosa (qa md) 24.48
6 3116 **ANY TIME NOW** (md ep) 24.49
Star betting: 5-2 Roswell Spaceman, Any Time Now, 7-2 Rhincrew Sabrosa, Droopys Slim, 9-2 Powerful Dasher.

10.24 (Open) 575m
1 153S Bodell Spitfire (sa fw) 36.48
2 1541 **ALAMSHAR (nb)** (ep rl) 36.06
3 4513 **Itchy Scratchy** (ep ro) 36.18
4 2131 Deanridge Diva (wd ro) 36.26
5 2531 Newlawn Castle (wd ro) 36.30
6 6645 Blue Meadow Lad (qa ep) 36.15
Star betting: 5-4 Alamshar, 7-2 Itchy Scratchy, 4 Deanridge Diva, 9-2 Blue Meadow Lad, 8 Bodell Spitfire.

10.40 (Open) 400m
1 1311 Low Breeze (rl ep) 24.46
2 6141 **Ninja Lark** (qa ep) 24.28
3 S423 **FLAME OF HOPE** (sa ro) 24.14
4 4214 Ronnies Star (md ro) 24.41
5 16 1 Larkhill Premier (sa fw) 00.00
6 1164 Elbony Everest (wd ro) 24.77
Star betting: 5-4 Ninja Lark, 7-2 Low Breeze, 4 Flame Of Hope, 9-2 Larkhill Premier, 11-2 Ronnies Star.

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11.26 (A5) 460m
1 5242 **Deneview Belle** (rl ro) 28.56
2 6555 Haber Dasher (ep rl) 28.33
3 1311 **BONVILLE FRED** (ep ro) 28.46
4 1316 Mollys Maria (ep ro) 28.56
5 1665 Justins Dream (fw wd) 28.38
6 1462 Madam Boss (sa fw) 28.52
Star betting: 3 Haber Dasher, Bonville Fred, 4 Deneview Belle, Justins Dream, 9-2 Madam Boss, 5 Mollys Maria.

11.41 (A9) 460m
1 4363 Blue Bale (ep ro) 28.78
2 3S33 **AGLISH JOE (nb)** (ep rl) 28.78
3 4221 **Back To Martins** (ep rl) 28.90
4 5532 Malden Skippy (sa fw) 29.01
5 3325 Talk Later (qa ro) 29.08
6 2236 Molly Kay (wd ro) 28.96
Star betting: 5-2 Aglish Joe, 7-2 Back To Martins, Molly Kay, 4 Blue Bale, 5 Talk Later, 11-2 Malden Skippy.

11.55 (A5) 460m
1 2546 Darbystown Lilly (rl ep) 28.44
2 6155 Kelsis Boy (qa rl) 28.59
3 6524 **Do Your Turn** (sa fw) 28.28
4 5453 Fourcuil Daisy (sa ro) 28.59
5 3354 Bonville Ranger (wd fw) 28.34
6 5242 **FAST PRANKSTER (NAP)** (ep wd) 28.25
Star betting: 11-4 Fast Prankster, 3 Do Your Turn, 4 Bonville Ranger, Fourcuil Daisy, 9-2 Darbystown Lilly, 11-2 Kelsis Boy.

12.09 (A6) 460m
1 1665 Moneybox Yum Yum (ep fw) 28.47
2 2145 Blue Turbo (qa ro) 28.45
3 1222 **Aragon Flyer** (qa ep) 28.60
4 5242 **DRUIDS DION** (ep ro) 28.46
5 3314 Dods Star (sa fw) 28.57
6 1436 Windgap Magpie (wd ro) 28.60
Star betting: 3 Blue Turbo, Aragon Flyer, 7-2 Druids Dion, 9-2 Moneybox Yum Yum, Dods Star, 6 Windgap Magpie.

12.23 (A6) 460m
1 3316 Bonville Chief (sa fw) 28.61
2 4561 **Judes Angel** (qa ep) 28.42
3 6654 Paolo Soprani (md ro) 28.46
4 51S4 Favourite One (rl ro) 28.55
5 2426 He Knows Daisy (qa ep) 28.40
6 6525 **EOINS KING** (sa ro) 28.41
Star betting: 3 Judes Angel, Favourite One, 7-2 He Knows Daisy, Eoins King, 9-2 Paolo Soprani, Bonville Chief.

12.37 (A4) 460m
1 2324 **JETSAM JEWEL** (fw rl) 28.42
2 3243 Orior Hawk (sa ro) 28.50
3 3614 Kewell Wonder (sa rl) 28.39
4 5126 **Some Charlie** (qa ep) 28.51
5 4635 Tip The Prince (sa ro) 28.30
6 1531 Buckshee Boy (ro wd) 28.40
Star betting: 7-2 Jetsam Jewel, Some Charlie, 4 Kewell Wonder, Orior Hawk, Tip The Prince, Buckshee Boy.

12.51 (A8) 460m
1 2166 Tillies Eye (sa ro) 28.68
2 5552 **Dalcash Town** (sa ro) 28.58
3 1613 **FOXCOVER TOMMY** (md ro) 28.87
4 6362 Fossabeg Jack (sa fw) 28.57
5 3253 Italian Striker (qa ep) 28.93
6 S345 Bonville Flash (wd ro) 28.83
Star betting: 3 Fossabeg Jack, 7-2 Foxcover Tommy, Dalcash Town, 4 Bonville Flash.

1.06 (A8) 460m
1 1515 Coming Soon (sa ro) 28.95
2 4231 **Benraw Boy** (sa fw) 28.75
3 4541 Rascal Rumble (sa fw) 28.75
4 6121 Enchanting Role (qa ep) 28.90
5 1221 **NIKRAY KIWI** (ep ro) 28.88
6 6535 Sable Storm (wd fw) 28.86
Star betting: 3 Enchanting Role, 7-2 Benraw Boy, Nikray Kiwi, 4 Rascal Rumble, 9-2 Sable Storm.

1.19 (A10) 460m
1 4436 Princess Slaney (ep ro) 29.21
2 5441 Smooth As Silk (sa ro) 29.14
3 3662 Darkies Lad (qa ep) 28.86
4 4245 **Doneagainmag** (qa ep) 28.73
5 6322 **MARMALADE MINX** (sa fw) 29.06
6 4346 Shaunas Celtic (wd ep) 29.04
Star betting: 3 Darkies Lad, Doneagainmag, Marmalade Minx, 4 Shaunas Celtic, 5 Smooth As Silk.

1.33 (A4) 460m
1 2542 Storming Prince (ro rl) 28.32
2 2243 Lindseys Girl (sa fw) 28.29
3 2314 Ja (qa ep) 28.39
4 1225 Solero Jo (md ro) 28.38
5 2S11 **Tinas Vieri** (wd ro) 28.55
6 3321 **TRADE LIGHTENING** (ep wd) 28.34
Star betting: 3 Lindseys Girl, 7-2 Trade Lightening, 4 Ja, Solero Jo, Tinas Vieri, Storming Prince.

1.51 (A7) 460m
1 1524 Bozzilly (sa ro) 28.63
2 2611 Well Done Vieri (sa rl) 28.74
3 4412 Arizona Dancer (sa fw) 28.71
4 1143 **Top Cee** (qa ep) 28.64
5 6226 **SIXTIMEAROUND** (wd ro) 28.54
6 3215 So Easy (sa fw) 28.72
Star betting: 7-2 Well Done Vieri, Arizona Dancer, Top Cee, Sixtimearound, 4 So Easy, 9-2 Bozzilly.

WALTHAMSTOW

11.34 (A5) 475m
1 1416 Unlikely Flight (rl ro) 29.76
2 1235 Boozer (sa fw) 29.50
3 6554 Feet Of Finesse (qa ep) 29.51
4 5251 **DANIELS SPIRIT** (qa ep) 29.40
5 5366 No Bad Habits (sa ep) 29.48
6 5145 **Sullane Sam** (sa ro) 29.50
Star betting: 11-4 Daniels Spirit, 7-2 No Bad Habits, 4 Unlikely Flight, Boozer, 9-2 Sullane Sam.

11.48 (A8) 475m
1 6315 Unlikely Brook (sa ro) 30.02
2 3334 Chrissys Wish (sa fw) 30.12
3 6341 Blarney Rich (ep fw) 30.09
4 6114 **FAT BOY JOE (nb)** (qa ep) 30.16
5 2133 **White Hart Champ** (ep wd) 29.99
6 1665 Talk To Jo (wd ro) 29.75
Star betting: 5-2 Fat Boy Joe, 7-2 White Hart Champ, Talk To Jo, 9-2 Blarney Rich, Unlikely Brook.

12.02 (A9) 475m
1 3256 Clodiagh Daisy (sa fw) 30.25
2 1564 Gala Delight (rl ep) 30.25
3 5432 **BLARNEY HILARY** (sa ro) 30.35
4 4343 **Blarney Blossom** (sa ro) 30.00
5 5262 Chrissys Babe (ep fw) 30.06
6 6466 Rangers Best (wd ro) 30.03
Star betting: 5-2 Blarney Blossom, 7-2 Blarney Hilary, Chrissys Babe, 4 Rangers Best.

12.16 (A8) 475m
1 5251 **BLARNEY SAM** (ep fw) 30.15
2 3136 **Ribble Skin** (qa ep) 30.13
3 4146 Aldem Tom (sa ro) 30.11
4 6244 Endoftheday (sa fw) 30.18
5 4653 Starvall Baby (sa fw) 30.23
6 3363 Unlikely Inky (wd ro) 30.13
Star betting: 3 Blarney Sam, Ribble Skin, 4 Aldem Tom, Unlikely Inky, 9-2 Endoftheday.

12.29 (A6) 475m
1 4625 Overthemount (rl fw) 29.83
2 2154 Clonfort (sa ro) 29.69
3 4416 Doodles The Scot (sa ro) 29.59
4 3163 **Marjons Katy** (sa ro) 29.59
5 6222 **DOUGLAS KNOWS** (ep wd) 29.61
6 1543 Insidious Manner (sa fw) 29.68
Star betting: 11-4 Douglas Knows, 3 Doodles The Scot, 7-2 Marjons Katy, 4 Clonfort.

MAGIC BOXES

TRAP that has won the most races at todays BAGS meetings
MONMORE: TRAP 2 (18 wins from 72 races)
SWINDON: TRAP 5 (11 wins from 50 races)
WALTHAMSTOW: TRAPS 2, 3 & 4 (11 wins from 50 races)
WIMBLEDON: TRAP 2 (12 wins from 44 races)
TRAP that's shown the best level stake return at todays BAGS meetings
MONMORE: TRAP 2 (+£20.50) **SWINDON: TRAP 5** (+£3.83)
WALTHAMSTOW: TRAP 3 (-£5.15) **WIMBLEDON: TRAP 2** (+£9.00)
FORECAST that has won most races at todays BAGS meetings
MONMORE: 2-1 & 6-5 SWINDON: 5-6 & 6-5
WALTHAMSTOW: 1-4, 2-3 & 3-2 WIMBLEDON: 2-4 & 6-4

12.44 (S3) 640m
1 4362 Daphs Babe (qa rl) 40.72
2 2414 **BLARNEY MEG** (sa ro) 40.74
3 4252 **Carrigafoyle Ann** (ep fw) 40.77
4 3563 Sarahs Joe (md ro) 40.60
5 163 Quiescent Image (sa ro) 40.69
6 1342 Aughrim Rocket (qa ep) 40.91
Star betting: 3 Quiescent Image, 7-2 Sarahs Joe, Blarney Meg, 4 Carrigafoyle Ann, 9-2 Daphs Babe, Aughrim Rocket.

12.58 (A9) 475m
1 4536 Connells Pride (sa fw) 30.33
2 2415 **Lingrawn Jack** (ep fw) 30.23
3 1533 Optimistic Cindy (qa ro) 30.24
4 6222 **TOOSEY EMMA** (ep ro) 30.04
5 4244 Keiths Brother (sa ro) 30.04
6 4525 Shooting Falcon (wd ro) 30.20
Star betting: 11-4 Toosey Emma, 3 Lingrawn Jack, 7-2 Shooting Falcon, 4 Keiths Brother, 9-2 Optimistic Cindy, 5 Connells Pride.

1.12 (A8) 475m
1 3344 Ballymacon Girl (qa rl) 29.86
2 6235 Simmer Down Toby (qa ro) 29.93
3 6422 **Remi Girl** (md ro) 30.14
4 S666 Dungarvan Star (sa ro) 29.52
5 1142 **DALKEY SOUND** (qa ro) 30.05
6 2451 Marshals Flair (ep wd) 30.01
Star betting: 3 Dalkey Sound, 7-2 Dungarvan Star, Ballymacon Girl, 4 Remi Girl, Marshals Flair, 5 Simmer Down Toby.

1.27 (A6) 475m
1 1134 **STONELEIGH** (ep ro) 29.85
2 1422 **Blarney Jane** (sa ro) 29.64
3 1161 So Graceful (qa ep) 29.69
4 1541 Tomorrows Dawn (ep ro) 29.75
5 3166 Lady Windsor (sa ro) 29.62
6 5443 Demis Dog (sa ro) 29.59
Star betting: 3 Blarney Jane, 7-2 So Graceful, 4 Stoneleigh, Tomorrows Dawn, Demis Dog, 9-2 Lady Windsor.

1.44 (A8) 475m
1 4516 Miss Beverly (qa ro) 30.16
2 3166 Charlotte Copper (ep ro) 30.06
3 3224 **SAMS STORM** (sa ro) 29.89
4 4513 **Im Shattered** (sa ep) 30.04
5 2246 Independant Maxi (qa ep) 30.18
6 5466 Dance Lizzie (ep wd) 29.84
Star betting: 3 Independant Maxi, 7-2 Im Shattered, Sams Storm, 4 Miss Beverly, Dance Lizzie, 5 Charlotte Copper.

2.03 (A7) 475m
1 3634 Malbay Two Tone (ep ro) 29.76
2 5312 **Brosna Hill** (sa ro) 29.84
3 3121 **INDEPENDANT BLUE (NAP)** (sa ro) 29.79
4 3141 Slim Quin Rose (qa ep) 30.02
5 1433 Joyous Maiden (ep ro) 29.81
6 5453 Independant Amy (sa ro) 29.80
Star betting: 5-2 Independant Blue, 7-2 Brosna Hill, 4 Malbay Two Tone, Slim Quin Rose, 9-2 Independant Amy, 6 Joyous Maiden.

SWINDON

2.08 (A4) 480m
1 S434 Rosy Cattermole (sa fw) 29.68
2 2221 **SEZIN SUSHI** (sa ro) 29.88
3 6412 **Carry On Count** (md ro) 29.83
4 6532 Ortak Tornado (qa ep) 29.67
5 1355 Kanga Blue (wd ro) 29.69
6 6611 Knocknaganey Lad (wd ro) 29.91
Star betting: 7-2 Rosy Cattermole, Sezin Sushi, Knocknaganey Lad, 4 Ortak Tornado.

2.27 (A6) 480m
1 5143 **Earls Misty** (fw rl) 30.24
2 2232 **CALL ABBEY** (sa fw) 30.27
3 3153 Miss Alton (qa ep) 30.20
4 3144 Young Red (sa fw) 30.10
5 3515 Pearl Port (ep wd) 30.16
6 5354 Inchydoney Dawn (sa ro) 30.36
Star betting: 3 Earls Misty, Young Red, 7-2 Call Abbey, 4 Miss Alton, Pearl Port.

2.47 (A7) 480m
1 4533 Wimpys Wonder (qa rl) 30.28
2 2612 **Astons Gem** (qa ep) 30.17
3 5223 **TOSCANA (nb)** (sa fw) 30.21
4 3542 Tomanoole Flyer (md ep) 30.24
5 3651 Young Brinny (md ep) 30.35
6 2541 Starr Minx (wd ro) 30.33
Star betting: 11-4 Toscana, 3 Starr Minx, 7-2 Astons Gem, 4 Young Brinny, 5 Wimpys Wonder.

3.07 (A5) 480m
1 2626 Calder Buk (rl ro) 30.02
2 2332 **Boltfromtheblue** (fw rl) 29.80
3 5411 **IDENTITY LINE** (rl ro) 30.07
4 413d Nuca (qa ep) 30.02
5 1135 Cogans Turbo (sa fw) 29.90
6 5444 Gerpats Tango (wd ep) 30.22
Star betting: 3 Boltfromtheblue, Identity Line, 4 Cogans Turbo, 9-2 Nuca, Gerpats Tango.

3.28 (A7) 480m
1 2145 Lily Lemon (rl ro) 30.45
2 5565 Back In Frame (rl ep) 30.28
3 4415 **SOFT TEACHER** (sa fw) 30.65
4 6455 Lolita (sa ro) 30.15
5 S655 Nikkynoo (wd ro) 30.39
6 1154 **Cashen Spark** (ro wd) 30.48
Star betting: 3 Lolita, 7-2 Lily Lemon, Cashen Spark, 4 Soft Teacher, 9-2 Back In Frame, 5 Nikkynoo.

3.48 (A4) 480m
1 3433 Teepee Major (ep ro) 29.81
2 S363 Gwurn Taffe (ep ro) 29.95
3 5625 Harpwithadash (sa fw) 29.61
4 5232 **Jims Venture** (qa md) 29.72
5 6414 Que Sera Sera (wd ro) 29.64
6 1223 **FAMOUS PAL** (wd fw) 29.73
Star betting: 3 Jims Venture, 7-2 Harpwithadash, Famous Pal, 4 Que Sera Sera.

4.08 (A3) 480m
1 2233 Rock Hard (sa fw) 29.79
2 3431 **Lurriga Lark** (qa ep) 29.73
3 1145 Quickfire Byway (md ep) 29.62
4 2314 Galmonian Kiley (sa ep) 29.53
5 5212 **EFFERNOGUE DAWN** (wd fw) 29.87
6 3442 Eldan Princess (sa fw) 29.71
Star betting: 3 Effernogue Dawn, 7-2 Galmonian Kiley, Lurriga Lark, 4 Quickfire Byway.

4.27 (A6) 480m
1 4656 One Sick Lizard (sa fw) 29.97
2 4242 **ROXANNE** (qa ep) 30.26
3 3613 Durango Jacko (qa ep) 30.06
4 2521 Highbrae Sun (qa ep) 30.19
5 5324 Hawthorn Judy (ep wd) 30.10
6 3415 **Sarahs Bingo** (ep wd) 29.94
Star betting: 3 Sarahs Bingo, 7-2 Highbrae Sun, 4 Roxanne, Hawthorn Judy, Durango Jacko.

4.48 (A5) 480m
1 5154 **LAKE SUPERIOR** (rl ro) 29.79
2 1623 **Mersey Boy** (sa ro) 29.99
3 4266 Gazzas Gizmo (md fw) 29.98
4 4246 Georginas Dream (md ro) 29.93
5 2445 Shining Sandal (wd ep) 29.99
6 3452 Minor Nikita (ep wd) 30.06
Star betting: 5-2 Lake Superior, 7-2 Mersey Boy, Georginas Dream, 9-2 Gazzas Gizmo.

5.07 (A4) 480m
1 2421 Beechwood Ghost (rl ro) 29.84
2 3421 **BILLIS SHOWMAN** (qa ep) 29.90
3 3545 Bonnie Jodie (md ro) 29.90
4 4332 **Cashen Snowdrop** (ep md) 29.97
5 5641 Daybreaks Vieri (wd ep) 29.88
6 3634 Shanmoyle River (wd ep) 29.98
Star betting: 3 Billis Showman, 7-2 Beechwood Ghost, Cashen Snowdrop.

5.27 (A6) 480m
1 1146 Marble Magic (sa fw) 30.01
2 4322 **Barraduff Buddy** (sa fw) 30.21
3 4651 Chicita Chloe (sa ro) 29.97
4 2411 **CAPTAIN CRUISE** (ep md) 30.16
5 4254 Penwith Princess (md ep) 30.04
6 3615 Clan Chieftain (wd ep) 30.07
Star betting: 3 Marble Magic, 7-2 Chicita Chloe, Clan Chieftain, 4 Captain Cruise.

5.44 (A4) 480m
1 5145 **Springwood Rory** (sa ro) 30.05
2 6253 **PEGGYS LASS** (sa ro) 29.88
3 6164 Lively Lilly (md ep) 29.98
4 5324 Nalbandian (ep md) 29.90
5 1166 Town Bay (sa ro) 29.90
6 2526 Monbeg Dot Com (qa ep) 29.78
Star betting: 3 Town Bay, 7-2 Springwood Rory, 4 Lively Lilly, Peggys Lass, Monbeg Dot Com.

5.58 (A6) 480m
1 3163 Dalcash Carol (rl ro) 30.15
2 2114 **BARRADUFF SKIPPY** (rl ep) 30.38
3 6625 Suirview Cheetah (rl ro) 30.18
4 4335 Coleview Cailin (sa fw) 30.28
5 5114 **Knocknaboha Brat** (wd ro) 30.11
6 6666 Chitty Bang Bang (wd fw) 30.14
Star betting: 5-2 Barraduff Skippy, 7-2 Dalcash Carol, Knocknaboha Brat.

6.11 (A3) 480m
1 4225 Travel Value (rl ep) 29.68
2 1111 **MISS CLANCY (NAP)** (fw rl) 29.59
3 1631 Sammy Bear (sa ep) 29.67
4 2122 **Cup A Doo** (qa ep) 29.53
5 6535 Jo Joes Gig (sa fw) 29.52
6 3353 Lissivigeen Jet (sa fw) 29.55
Star betting: 3 Miss Clancy, 7-2 Travel Value, Cup A Doo, Jo Joes Gig, 9-2 Sammy Bear.

MONMORE

2.18 (A8) 480m
1 1634 Socks Dunne (sa rl) 29.78
2 1544 Slaneyside Tojo (ep ro) 29.78
3 2614 Lakers Mia (ep ro) 29.90
4 2653 **Bobben Robin** (sa fw) 29.54
5 3415 **HESLEY PORSCHE** (qa ro) 29.71
6 6365 Beacons Nadine (wd ep) 29.77
Star betting: 11-4 Bobben Robin, Hesley Porsche, 7-2 Beacons Nadine, 9-2 Slaneyside Tojo.

2.37 (A5) 480m
1 2163 Yacht Glory (rl qa) 29.40
2 4326 Tinrah Hero (sa ro) 29.36
3 2424 **SANDONS SALLY** (qa rl) 29.23
4 6662 Dixies Ben (ep ro) 29.55
5 5621 **Toumpane Wonder** (wd fw) 29.54
6 2462 Boher Tom (wd ep) 29.30
Star betting: 3 Sandons Sally, 7-2 Yacht Glory, Toumpane Wonder, 4 Tinrah Hero, Boher Tom.

2.57 (A9) 480m
1 6533 Elderberry Zola (rl ep) 29.83
2 3251 Lakers Jim (ep ro) 29.92
3 2316 Kims Best (sa fw) 30.10
4 4425 **Rycot Rose** (sa ro) 29.80
5 1422 **NEWMARKET MAX** (ep wd) 29.93
6 2666 Lakers Jamie (qa ep) 29.81
Star betting: 5-2 Newmarket Max, 11-4 Rycot Rose, 7-2 Lakers Jamie, 9-2 Lakers Jim, 5 Kims Best.

3.17 (A7) 480m
1 5332 Queenies Star (rl ro) 29.44
2 3111 Moranpark Risk (sa rl) 29.78
3 6225 Wally Wonder (ep ro) 29.65
4 3415 **FURTHER BREEZE (NAP)** (sa ro) 29.54
5 3142 Enagar (sa ro) 29.82
6 4411 **Boher Rumble** (wd ro) 29.58
Star betting: 5-2 Further Breeze, 3 Boher Rumble, 7-2 Queenies Star, 4 Enagar.

3.38 (S4) 630m
1 4152 Jimbettstar (rl ro) 39.47
2 5553 **FAST FIT CLASSIC** (rl ro) 39.68
3 5466 Fore Land (ep ro) 40.15
4 5215 Lakers Phil (ep ro) 39.66
5 5226 **Sizzling Susie** (wd ro) 39.81
6 4613 Slaneyview Boy (md ep) 40.26
Star betting: 5-2 Jimbettstar, 11-4 Fast Fit Classic, 3 Sizzling Susie, 4 Lakers Phil.

3.58 (A3) 480m
1 2553 Elderberry Owen (ep rl) 29.18
2 1336 Proud Pegs Gain (ep ro) 29.06
3 1663 Smithy Singh (sa fw) 29.27
4 4541 **Sandons Dottie** (sa ro) 29.12
5 6444 Threat (ro wd) 29.33
6 3252 **FOR PEACE** (wd fw) 28.99
Star betting: 5-2 For Peace, 7-2 Smithy Singh, 4 Sandons Dottie, Threat, Proud Pegs Gain.

4.18 (A8) 480m
1 5423 **Stouke Babe** (rl fw) 29.79
2 4616 Nancio (ep rl) 29.80
3 5544 Wilmas Spark (sa ro) 29.70
4 1664 Belindas Club (sa ro) 29.86
5 S163 Romeo Rebel (sa ro) 29.81
6 2233 **FREELAND FANCY** (sa ro) 29.94
Star betting: 3 Stouke Babe, Romeo Rebel, Freeland Fancy, 4 Wilmas Spark, 5 Nancio.

4.37 (A5) 480m
1 4353 **PADDLE ADDLE** (ep rl) 29.32
2 4533 Boher Special (sa fw) 29.38
3 2515 **Bozz For Men** (sa ro) 29.36
4 5353 Uluru Outback (sa ro) 29.43
5 6415 Lakers Renais (md ro) 29.26
6 3551 Airhill Gold (wd ro) 29.58
Star betting: 5-2 Paddle Addle, Bozz For Men, 4 Lakers Renais, 9-2 Airhill Gold, 5 Boher Special.

4.57 (A7) 480m
1 6165 Coolruss Flicker (rl ep) 29.68
2 3645 Eleets Noir Budd (ep rl) 29.55
3 1221 **High Spirits** (sa ro) 29.89
4 5413 **ARDERA MINNIE** (qa ep) 29.72
5 S535 Berehaven Margo (sa ep) 29.64
6 3416 Bellhouse Jane (wd ro) 29.82
Star betting: 3 Ardera Minnie, Berehaven Margo, 4 Eleets Noir Budd, High Spirits.

5.17 (S3) 630m
1 4122 **IMNOTAHORSE** (rl qa) 39.33
2 1535 **Ontop Sammy** (sa ro) 39.77
3 3425 Lord Anthony (qa ep) 39.48
4 5124 Good For Me (qa ep) 39.45
5 6515 Berehaven Nik (sa ep) 39.64
6 1443 Elbony Cross (wd ep) 39.12
Star betting: 2 Ontop Sammy, 5-2 Innotahorse, 4 Berehaven Nik, 5 Elbony Cross.

5.33 (A4) 480m
1 2343 **MOORSGORSE MAGIC (nb)** (ep rl) 29.20
2 5412 Tullymurry Girl (qa ro) 29.25
3 1121 Annie Jo (ep ro) 29.34
4 1126 **Brookys Charlie** (sa ro) 29.31
5 3513 Boogy Boy (qa ro) 29.25
6 6464 Brookview Lauren (ep fw) 29.15
Star betting: 11-4 Brookys Charlie, 3 Moorsgorse Magic, 7-2 Boogy Boy, 9-2 Annie Jo.

5.48 (A3) 480m
1 4122 Lochbo Spyro (ep ro) 29.09
2 6522 Jalalabad (rl ep) 29.15
3 4316 Hildas Star (qa ep) 29.16
4 3213 **SANDONS TEARS** (ep md) 29.08
5 3342 Derwent Mover (ep ro) 28.97
6 3121 **Lady Leeds** (wd ro) 29.31
Star betting: 3 Sandons Tears, 7-2 Lochbo Spyro, Lady Leeds, 4 Derwent Mover, Jalalabad.

6.04 (A8) 480m
1 5146 **Sleaveen Rumble** (sa ep) 29.90
2 5242 **RYCOT HONCHO** (sa fw) 29.65
3 5455 Oriental Cross (rl fw) 29.68
4 3553 Montys Jet (sa fw) 29.78
5 1665 Beacons Emma (ep md) 29.77
6 2332 Premier Lass (wd ro) 29.94
Star betting: 5-2 Rycot Honcho, 3 Sleaveen Rumble, 7-2 Beacons Emma, 4 Premier Lass.

6.19 (A6) 480m
1 6233 **Absolutely** (ro rl) 29.47
2 5561 Guccis Princess (qa ro) 29.68
3 2255 Funcheon Jet (sa ro) 29.56
4 3132 **ELDERBERRY BECKS** (wd fw) 29.51
5 1355 Outcast Tiki (sa ro) 29.66
6 4145 Beechwood Nikita (wd ep) 29.43
Star betting: 5-2 Absolutely, Elderberry Becks, 4 Beechwood Nikita, 5 Guccis Princess, Outcast Tiki.

YESTERDAY'S WINNERS AND PRICES

SUNDERLAND

11.26: **Cobblers Rose** (5) 3-1, Crafty Jo (2) 4-1, bf: £22.85, tri: (5-2-6) £69.62. 11.41: **Spartak Jo** (6) 4-1, Hollin Crystal (5) 4-1, bf: £22.89, tri: (6-5-2) £73.45. 11.55: **Youthful Sailor** (3) 3-1, Morton Martini (4) 6-1, bf: £23.63, tri: (3-4-1) £76.23. 12.09: **Moneyscalp Lad** (1) 7-2, Brookline Chill (6) 4-1, bf: £23.20, tri: (1-6-5) £64.46. 12.23: **Massive Farce** (1) 5-2 co-fav, Bluetoon Pikachu (2) 8-1, bf: £22.54, tri: (1-2-6) £58.68. 12.37: **Tinas Magic** (1) 4-1, Craan Boy (5) 7-2, bf: £24.68, tri: (1-5-4) £77.31. 12.51: **Alston Sunshine** (4) 9-4 jt-fav, Maryville Lily (6) 8-1, bf: £22.78, tri: (4-6-1) £71.81. 1.06: **Craan Jenny** (6) 5-1, Shenandoah (1) 5-4 fav, bf: £15.94, tri: (6-1-5) £49.57. 1.19: **Mustang Sally** (2) 6-1, Steak Knife (5) 7-4 fav, bf: £26.75, tri: (2-5-3) £78.86. 1.33: **Linton Abitmad** (5) 3-1, Malbay Sandy (3) 7-4 fav, bf: £13.33, tri: (5-3-1) £47.62. 1.51: **Bobbys Honcho** (5) 7-4 fav, Shes All Class (2) 6-1, bf: £15.87, tri: (5-2-1) £53.62. **Placer** (£1 stake) **(races 1-6)** £821.00, **(races 6-11)** £125.00.

SHEFFIELD

11.34: **Allys Chair** (4) 11-4, Mashy Bue (6) 11-8 fav, bf: £8.87, tri: (4-6-3) £22.40. 11.48: **Dinan Monica** (2) 7-1, Nice Bell (1) 7-1 (dd-ht 3rd), bf: £52.44, tri: (2-1-4) £47.47, (2-1-6) £99.05. 12.02: **Lovely Elite** (3) 3-1, Bootboy Billy (4) 11-8 fav, bf: £9.15, tri: (3-4-1) £33.65. 12.16: **Shanagolden Jo** (3) 6-4 fav, Boscabell Joe (5) 8-1, bf: £14.91, tri: (3-5-4) £35.08. 12.29: **Simply Smooth** (2) 7-2, Baluga Bandit (6) 7-2, bf: £21.45, tri: (2-6-3) £53.08. 12.44: **Shes A Maniac** (6) 5-1, Forget Me Never (4) 9-2, bf: £33.61, tri: (6-4-1) £117.13. 12.58: **Maltese Kestrel** (4) 3-1, Destruction (2) 5-1, bf: £23.26, tri: (4-2-3) £43.96. 1.12: **Happy Days** (4) 2-1 fav, Neds Finance (5) 9-2, bf: £12.79, tri: (4-5-1) £41.74. 1.27: **Flo Jo Blue** (5) 5-2 jt-fav, Denises Darling (3) 4-1, bf: £17.71, tri: (5-3-6) £62.53. 1.44: **Batistuta** (3) 9-2, Kserra Joe (2) 7-2, bf: £23.11, tri: (3-2-4) £69.42. 2.03: **Clover Pilot** (3) 3-1, Baluga Tom (6) 5-1, bf: £21.84, tri: (3-6-4) £46.85. **Placer** (£1 stake) **(races 1-6)** £264.00, **(races 6-11)** £446.00.

ROMFORD

2.08: **Cool Hand Luke** (6) 6-1, Newinn Text (3) 7-1, bf: £54.07, tri: (6-3-5) £182.46. 2.27: **This Go Dancer** (6) 7-2, Zedex Sixmic (3) 4-1, bf: £22.23, tri: (6-3-4) £79.23. 2.47: **Kiwi Express** (3) 3-1, Droopys Lotus (1) 5-1, bf: £19.20, tri: (3-1-6) £47.24. 3.07: **Seasons Seeker** (1) 3-1 fav, Angel May (4) 7-2, bf: £14.91, tri: (1-4-5) £46.60. 3.28: **Premier Romeo** (6) 5-1, Alans Star (1) 5-1, bf: £30.91, tri: (6-1-4) £103.67. 3.48: **Snorbans Lily** (2) 6-1, Airlock Lady (4) 3-1, bf: £31.49, tri: (2-4-5) £85.81. 4.08: **Castle Climate** (2) 7-2, Sammardan Blue (6) 7-1, bf: £34.94, tri: (2-6-4) £102.54. 4.27: **Laka Lass** (2) 7-2, Fisio Prince (5) 9-2, bf: £26.59, tri: (2-5-4) £65.85. 4.48: **Sammardan Rebel** (5) 7-2 co-fav, Lillies Decision (2) 7-2 co-fav, bf: £19.39, tri: (5-2-4) £55.26. 5.07: **Xaar Cheyenne** (2) 7-2, Emilys Luck (3) 3-1 jt-fav, bf: £17.53, tri: (2-3-1) £43.51. 5.27: **Crafty Figo** (3) 4-1, Lap Dance (5) 11-2, bf: £30.98, tri: (3-5-4) £103.07. 5.44: **Hale Bop Cool** (6) 3-1 fav, Kennel Bill (4) 4-1, bf: £16.32, tri: (6-4-2) £48.83. 5.58: **Now Im Sexy** (2) 6-4 fav, Springville Lish (1) 7-2, bf: £8.00, tri: (2-1-6) £24.67. 6.11: **Droopys Roche** (6) 7-2, Illusive Dream (2) 7-2, bf: £19.97, tri: (6-2-3) £47.26. **Placer** (£1 stake) **(races 1-6)** £764.00, **(races 9-14)** £166.00.

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2.18: **Papilon Bleu** (2) 9-2, Ivan The Ivy (4) 7-2 fav, bf: £23.84, tri: (2-4-1) £77.53. 2.37: **Droopys Joan** (4) 4-1, Raw Jamella (1) 5-1, bf: £30.30, tri: (4-1-3) £66.57. 2.57: **Tickaty Blue** (3) 7-2 jt-fav, Geraldines Pride (5) 7-2 jt-fav, bf: £17.73, tri: (3-5-4) £50.59. 3.17: **Ranger Jo** (3) 5-1, Quiet And Easy (5) 4-1, bf: £30.04, tri: (3-5-2) £79.20. 3.38: **Bacchanalia** (2) 9-2, Solid Flame (3) 5-1, NR: Lordsbury Moll (res), bf: £28.77, tri: (2-3-1) £86.98. 3.58: **Vale Band** (5) 5-1, Annsboro Scroll (2) 7-2, bf: £30.78, tri: (5-2-3) £62.95. 4.18: **One Love** (2) 3-1 fav, Ziggy Zaggy (4) 7-2, bf: £16.16, tri: (2-4-1) £51.16. 4.37: **Lochbo Genie** (1) 9-2, Hongkong Four (3) 7-1, bf: £35.46, tri: (1-3-5) £96.90. 4.57: **Ballymackane Tex** (2) 3-1 fav, Killenaule Toss (4) 9-2, bf: £19.05, tri: (2-4-6) £54.35. 5.17: **Lordsbury Trio** (1) 9-2, Miss Soochie (2) 9-2, bf: £22.59, tri: (1-2-4) £83.32. 5.33: **Faulkners Pride** (2) 3-1 jt-fav, Almost Jazzy (4) 3-1 jt-fav, bf: £14.74, tri: (2-4-6) £50.48. 5.48: **Call Anytime** (2) 4-1, Alfies Princess (3) 7-2, bf: £22.60, tri: (2-3-4) £47.26. 6.04: **Samsjack** (2) 3-1 fav, Susans Tex (1) 9-2, bf: £17.35, tri: (2-1-3) £51.27. 6.19: **Steffis Pearl** (3) 11-4 fav, Carrowkeal Ellie (5) 5-1, bf: £17.39, tri: (3-5-2) £45.63. **Placer** (£1 stake) **(races 1-6)** £855.00, **(races 9-14)** £191.00.

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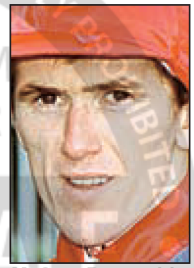

McCoy: Power ride

■ by TONY LEWIS

IRISH AMATEUR Barry Connell's frustration with the lack of opportunities in Ireland has forced him to look to Britain – and it paid off when Buck Whaley landed the closing Betfair Novice Hurdle at Uttoxeter yesterday.

"He's only been over here a fortnight," the owner told me after Tony McCoy had ridden a powerful finish on the Jonjo O'Neill-trained gelding.

"I rode him in five bumpers in Ireland and he was unlucky not to win one. But he's been denied a run over hurdles five or six times.

"The plan now is to buy a horse for me to ride in bumpers over here. I won a bumper at Cheltenham with my first runner over here so I've got a 100% record."

Hunting may be a big issue in politics these days, but that's where smart handicap chaser Foly Pleasant will be heading in the next week or two. Best Mate's former stable companion was sent to the sales by owner Jim Lewis and was bought by Nick Shutts to join Karen Marks in Worcestershire.

"We want to qualify him for the Foxhunters Chase at Cheltenham,' said Marks after Young Lorcan had given the yard a welcome boost by winning the Weatherbys Bank Handicap Chase under Ritchie Spate. "That's a relief. Our horses haven't been running to form until now."

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1.00	MOOR SPIRIT(treble)	1.00	HOLLOWS MILL (nap)
1.30	WORD GETS AROUND	1.30	BERGAMO
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2.30	TRANSIT	2.30	ARCHIRONDEL
3.00	POLYPHON	3.00	MIDLEM MELODY
3.30	LENNON	3.30	LENNON

ROTTWEILER: 12.30 Coat of Honour 1.00 Case Of Poteen 1.30 Gargoyle Girl 2.00 Named At Dinner 2.30 Jake Black 3.00 Mindanao 3.30 Lennon

GOING: Good, Good to Firm in places

JACKPOT & PLACEPOT: First six races.

12.30 FAMOUS GROUSE MAIDEN HURDLE
Class F (12 flights) 2m4f (14 run) £3,017

1 -00PF **ACCELERATION (16)** R Allan 4 11 2 ... K Renwick 60
2 **COAT OF HONOUR (F83)** J Howard Johnson 4 11 2 ... G Lee —
3 20-03 **DOLMUR (17)** F Murphy 4 11 2 ... K Mercer(5) ★75
4 **DONNA'S DOUBLE (F53)** D Eddy 9 11 2 ... A Dobbin —
5 P **GO PETE (33)** R C Guest 5 11 2 ... L McGrath(3) —
6 0 **KYLE OF LOCHALSH (19)** J Goldie 4 11 2 ... R McGrath —
7 0PP **MINSTER BRIG (19)** F Murtagh 5 11 2 ... P Robson(3) —
8 54P-0 **NUCLEAR PROSPECT (16)** Mrs H Graham 4 11 2 ... C Eddery(7) 26
9 06 **READY TO RUMBLE (19)** R C Guest 7 11 2 ... H Oliver 11
10 0P-0P **SAYOUN (19)** Mrs L Normile 5 11 2 ... D Flavin(5) —
11 040 **SHELEVEN (21)** C Swan(IRE) 5 11 2 ... B Harding 73
12 0-053 **SOUTH BRONX (16)(T)** Mrs S Bradburne 5 11 2 ... O Nelmes(5) 20
13 3P4P- **LINGHAM BRIDESMAID (487)** Mrs J McGregor 8 10 9 ... D C Costello(7) —
14 62B0 **MISS KILKEEL (48)** R Wilson(IRE) 6 10 9 ... M Foley 57

Star Betting:— 4-11 Coat of Honour, 8 Dolmur, 12 Sheleven, 14 Donna's Double, South Bronx, 20 Acceleration, 25 others.
2003: No corresponding meeting.

STARFORM: COAT OF HONOUR D: Dolmur

1.00 BALFOUR NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE
Class E (16 fences) 2m4f (11 run) £4,755

1 P3-3F **KYLIE TIME (16)** P Beaumont 7 11 12 ... G Lee —
2 2/245 **LEOPARD SPOT (14)(T,P)** Miss L Russell 6 11 9 ... P Buchanan(5) —
3 26P-4 **NOBLEFIR (28)(S)** L Lungo 6 11 7 ... B Gibson —
4 -P042 **HOLLOWS MILL (21)(CD,F)** F Murtagh 8 11 6 ... P Robson(3) 38
5 6-065 **CASE OF POTEEN (9)(CD,F)** Mrs S Bradburne 8 11 3 ... K Renwick 64
6 -00P0 **SPEED KRIS (30)(G)(V)** Mrs S Bradburne 5 11 1 ... O Nelmes(5) 61
7 -214P **JUST FOR FUN (20)(F)(P)** F Murphy 6 10 12 ... K Mercer(5) —
8 3-040 **ARIJAZ (161)(CD,F)** Mrs L Normile 7 10 11 ... D Flavin(5) —
9 P-624 **CARIBBEAN COVE (27)(D,F)(B*)** R C Guest 6 10 7 ... H Oliver 21
10 4U-01 **MOOR SPIRIT (19)(G)** P Beaumont 7 10 5 ... T Siddall ★72
11 20-6P **CELTIC LEGEND (19)(T)** K G Reveley 5 10 0 ... R McGrath 55

Star Betting:— 11-4 Moor Spirit, 7-2 Hollows Mill, 6 Noblefir, 7 Leopard Spot, 10 Kylie Time, 12 Case Of Poteen, Celtic Legend,

STARFORM: MOOR SPIRIT D: Hollows Mill

TOP TRAINERS
(with runners) L Lungo 16 winners, (28% strike rate), -£4.20, J Howard Johnson 10, (12%), -£33.72, Mrs S Bradburne 10, (14%), -£0.50.

TOP JOCKEYS
(with mounts) A Dobbin 18 winners, (19% strike rate), -£21.93, G Lee 17, (16%), -£10.80, R McGrath 7, (9%), -£37.10.

1.30 BETTING WITH ibex.com HCAP HURDLE
Cl E conditionals (16 flights) 3m½f (11 run) £4,115

1 11-10 **WORD GETS AROUND (26)(BF,G)** L Lungo 6 11 12 ... L Berridge(8) 68
2 P0600 **POLITICAL SOX (9)(D2,F,S)** R Nixon 10 11 12 ... G Thomas(3) 42
3 11314 **GARGOYLE GIRL (20)(F,G,S)** J Goldie 7 11 11 ... P J Brennan ★88
4 F-P00 **SAN DIMAS (17)(F)(V)** R Allan 7 11 7 ... N Hannity —
5 22500 **BERGAMO (3)(C,G)(B)** B Ellison 8 11 6 ... P Robson 51
6 0/F-P **DAJAZAR (17)(F,G)** Mrs K Walton 8 11 5 ... R Utley(8) —
7 -4654 **CLEAR DAWN (18)(CD2,F,G)** J Jefferson 9 11 2 ... M Seston(8) —
8 24P25 **DEAD MANS DANTE (35)** F Murphy 6 10 11 ... K Mercer(3) —
9 600-0 **ARMAGH SOUTH (16)** J Howard Johnson 5 10 9 ... A P Thornton(10) —
10 20-04 **TULLIMOSS (20)** J Billinge 9 10 6 ... F King 61
11 42402 **BOOK'S WAY (5)(D3,F,S)** D W Thompson 8 10 3 ... A O'Keeffe 85

Star Betting:— 9-4 Word Gets Around, 4 Gargoyle Girl, 6 Book's Way, 7 Bergamo, 10 Dead Mans Dante, 12 Clear Dawn, Tullimoss, 14 others.

S: WORD GETS AROUND D: Dead Mans Dante

2.00 ibetx.com JUVENILE NOV' H'CAP HURDLE
Class E (9 flights) 2m (5 runners) £3,988

1 22343 **PRAIRIE SUN (19)(BF)** Mrs A Duffield 3 11 12 ... K Mercer(5) 66
2 33205 **LEOPOLD (17)** M Harris 3 11 12 ... B Orde-Powlett(7) 63
3 264 **CANADIAN STORM (50)** Miss V Williams 3 11 7 ... A O'Keeffe(3) 55
4 034 **HOLD THE LINE (26)(P)** W G M Turner 3 11 7 ... P J Brennan 53
5 522 **NAMED AT DINNER (14)(V)** Mrs A Duffield 3 11 1 ... A Dobbin ★79

Star Betting:— 7-4 Prairie Sun, 2 Named At Dinner, 11-2 Leopold, 6 Hold The Line, 8 Canadian Storm.

S'FORM: NAMED AT DINNER D: Prairie Sun

2.30 ibetx.com EXCHANGES HCAP HURDLE
Class C (9 flights) 2m (9 runners) £8,044

1 /PP-P **SILVERTOWN (F42)(D,F,G)** L Lungo 9 11 12 ... G Berridge(5) —
2 42-13 **JAKE BLACK (22)(BF,D2,G,S)** J J Quinn 4 11 10 ... D C Costello(7) 62
3 10P-0 **MY LAST BEAN (28)(CD,F)** B Smart 7 11 7 ... B Harding 49
4 625-0 **KIMBAMBO (22)(D,S)** J P L Ewart 6 11 5 ... F Kenlry 67
5 0115- **MR LEAR (F22)(BF,D,S)** R Fahey 5 11 4 ... P Whelan(3) 62
6 410-P **PILGRIMS PROGRESS (F24)(F)** D W Thompson 4 11 4 ... C Rafter(3) 57
7 21510 **TRANSIT (16)(D,G,S)(P)** B Ellison 5 10 8 ... G Lee ★91
8 05504 **BODFARI SIGNET (17)(C2,D,F)** Mrs S Bradburne 8 10 5 ... O Nelmes(5) 67
9 0-23 **ARCHIRONDEL (59)** M D Hammond 6 10 1 ... A Dobbin 59

Star Betting:— 7-2 Jake Black, 9-2 Transit, 11-2 Archirondel, 6 Mr Lear, 7 Bodfari Signet, 8 Silvertown, My Last Bean, 10 others.

STARFORM: TRANSIT Danger: Archirondel

TRACKFACTS
Right-hand oval track of eleven furlongs in extent. The bends are sharp, eight easy fences and six hurdles per circuit suiting the nippy type.

3.00 RACING UK HANDICAP CHASE
Class D (12 fences) 2m (7 runners) £6,682

1 4F340 **GONE TOO FAR (28)(D3,F,G)(V)** P Monteith 6 11 12 ... P Buchanan(5) 95
2 0-313 **MINDANAO (16)(D2,G,S)** L Lungo 8 11 10 ... A Dobbin 70
3 RU3F2 **JERICHO III (3)(D3,G,S)(D)** R C Guest 7 10 10 ... H Oliver 89
4 601-5 **DIDIFON (17)(D3,F,G,S)(P)** N McCormack 9 10 10 ... F King(3) —
5 65222 **POLYPHON (19)(BF,F)** P Monteith 6 10 6 ... G Lee 92
6 21-4F **MIDLEM MELODY (9)(CD,D2,F,G,S)** W Coltherd 8 10 4 ... A Dempsey ★98
7 F3130 **PORNIC (148)(D,F,S)** A Crook 10 10 0 ... O Nelmes(5) 59

LONG HANDICAP: Pornic 9-12.
Star Betting:— 5-2 Polyphon, 4 Mindanao, 5 Gone Too Far, 6 Midlem Melody, 7 Jericho III, 8 Didifon, Pornic.

STARFORM: JERICHO III D: Polyphon

3.30 RACING UK MAIDEN OPEN NH FLAT
Class H 2m (14 runners) £2,261

1 63 **BAFFLING SECRET (30)** L Lungo 4 11 2 ... L Berridge(7) 44
2 0 **BALINDOOLEY (118)** C Swan(IRE) 4 11 2 ... B Harding —
3 320- **BUTTRESS (249)** M W Easterby 5 11 2 ... Mr T Greenall(5) ★84
4 0 **CAPTAIN CAN CAN (30)** C J Teague 4 11 2 ... O Nelmes(5) —
5 04 **IOWA (15)** M Harris 4 11 2 ... B Orde-Powlett(7) —
6 2 **LENNON (13)** J Howard Johnson 4 11 2 ... G Lee 83
7 0- **MOFFIED (217)** Mrs L Normile 4 11 2 ... D Flavin(5) —
8 **MY BEST SECRET** L Lungo 5 11 2 ... A Dobbin —
9 0- **NO GLOATING (223)** P Niven 5 11 2 ... P Buchanan(5) —
10 000/ **RUSH'N'RUN (614)** D Carroll 5 11 2 ... A Dempsey —
11 1 **SAVATI (203)(S)** R Wilson(IRE) 4 11 2 ... M Foley —
12 **COGOLIE** J P L Ewart 4 10 9 ... F Kenlry —
13 0 **GALA QUEEN (19)** W Young 4 10 9 ... T Davidson(7) —
14 **GLOBE PEARL** F Murtagh 4 10 9 ... P Robson(3) —

Star Betting:— 11-10 Lennon, 3 My Best Secret, 11-2 Buttress, 13-2 Baffling Secret, 7 Savati, 12 Balindooley, 25 others.

STARFORM: LENNON D: My Best Secret

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2.50	BLYTHE SPIRIT	2.50	JUST FLY
3.20	INCH BY INCH	3.20	INCH BY INCH
3.50	LYTHAM	3.50	CASHEL QUEEN
4.20	BLUE AZURE	4.20	MANEKI NEKO
4.50	HITS ONLY CASH	4.50	HITS ONLY CASH

ROTTWEILER: 1.20 Heat of The Night 1.50 General 2.20 Transvestite 2.50 Fruit of Glory 3.20 Inch By Inch 3.50 Lytham 4.20 Queen's Dancer 4.50 Swift Oscar

GOING: Standard

PLACEPOT: First six races.

TOP TRAINERS
(with runners) N Littmoden 100 winners, (15% strike rate), -£40.90, J A Osborne 45, (15%), -£64.95, R Hollinshead 41, (7%), -£317.08, W Brisbourne 38, (12%), -£35.13, P Evans 28, (6%), -£241.70.

TOP JOCKEYS
(with mounts) J Quinn 65 winners, (11% strike rate), -£169.69, D Holland 39, (20%), -£20.14, D Sweeney 37, (11%), -£50.72, S Drowne 37, (10%), -£89.42.

1.20 MEDIAN AUCTION MDN STAKES (Div 1)
Class F4 2YO 1m141yds (13 runners) £2,979

1 (4) 3 **FORGERY (30)** G A Butler 9 0 ... D Holland ★67
2 (3) 0 **GENEROUS MEASURE (36)** J Eustace 9 0 ... T P Queally —
3(12) 063 **NANTON (13)** P Cole 9 0 ... S Drowne 43
4 (9) 3004 **RED RIVER ROCK (27)** C Tinkler 9 0 ... E Ahern 63
5 (1) **RED SAM** M Bell 9 0 ... T Quinn —
6 (7) 45222 **WILLIAM TELL (42)(BF)** M Channon 9 0 ... S Hitchcott 63
7 (5) 0 **CASCADE LAKES (25)** W Brisbourne 8 9 ... S W Kelly —
8(13) **EWAR FINCH** K Cunningham-Brown 8 9 ... S Whitworth —
9 (8) 0 **FOREHAND (30)** E Vaughan 8 9 ... D Sweeney —
10(10) 4025 **HEAT OF THE NIGHT (55)** P Chapple-Hyam 8 9 ... J Quinn 51
11 (6) 63 **VALIANT ACT (48)** D M Simcock 8 9 ... L Kenlry(3) 49
12(11) 000 **WHIRLING (13)** J Given 8 9 ... N Pollard —
13 (2) 0 **WITH HONOURS (24)** T J FitzGerald 8 9 ... D Allan —

Star Betting:— 2 Forgery, 5-2 William Tell, 6 Heat of The Night, 7 Red River Rock, 8 Nanton, 10 Valiant Act, 14 Red Sam, 33 others.
BEST DRAWN: With Honours (drawn 2) & Nanton (drawn 12) 21%.
2003: Lasting Delight, 8-9, (G Duffield, 9-2) Sir M Prescott, drawn (6), 13 ran.

STARFORM: FORGERY D: Heat Of The Night

1.50 BET DIRECT SELLING STAKES
Class G4 1m4f (12 runners) £2,601

1(12) 00636 **GENERAL (9)(C,A)** C Dore 7 9 11 ... L Fletcher(3) ★65
2 (1) 460R0 **SAXE-COBURG (17)(D,A,F,S)(P)** G Ham 7 9 11 ... J F McDonald(3) 20
3 (5) 46030 **AMUSEMENT (4)** D Bridgwater 8 9 6 ... D Nolan(3) 21
4 (7) 4-060 **DALON (J7)(G)(B)** D B Feek 5 9 6 ... M Tebbutt 36
5 (2) 6-450 **DANUM (274)(P)** R Hollinshead 4 9 6 ... D Sweeney 21
6 (6) 04500 **FREE STYLE (141)(D,A,G)** Mrs H Sweeting 4 9 6 ... G Baker 28
7 (4) 00006 **GALLANT BOY (14)(C,D,A,F)(V,T)** P Evans 5 9 6 ... T P Queally 24
8(11) 30363 **MOLLY'S SECRET (81)(CD,A,F)(P)** C G Cox 6 9 6 ... J Quinn 34
9(10) 23640 **RELATIVE HERO (7)(F,G)(P)** Miss S Wilton 4 9 6 ... A Quinn(5) 41
10 (9) -0003 **GOLDEN FIELDS (25)(F)(B)** Mrs J Candlish 4 9 1 ... S Hitchcott 18
11 (3) 1-030 **MILLKOM ELEGANCE (J29)(F)(V)** G Ham 5 9 1 ... A Daly 32
12 (8) 40260 **DANEFONIQUE (27)** D Carroll 3 8 9 ... D Tudhope(5) 31

Star Betting:— 7-4 General, 7-2 Molly's Secret, 6 Gallant Boy, 13-2 Danefonique, 12 Golden Fields, 14 others.
BEST DRAWN: Golden Fields (drawn 9) 14%, Free Style (drawn 6) 12%.
2003: Royal Prodigy, 4-9-11, (D O'Neill, 10-11 fav) R Hodges, drawn (1), 12 ran.

STARFORM: GENERAL D: Danefonique

2.20 BET DIRECT NURSERY HCAP (Div 1)
Class E3 2YO 7f (11 runners) £4,109

1 (7) 0024 **NAN JAN (18)(T)** R Ingram 9 7 ... N Day 25
2 (5) 36030 **TRANSVESTITE (16)(V)** J Hills 9 3 ... E Ahern 54
3(11) 00040 **ANNATALIA (6)(F)(B*)** B Meehan 9 0 ... D Holland 43
4 (6) 40056 **PAULINE'S PRINCE (6)(D,A)** R Hollinshead 8 13 ... D Sweeney 52
5 (1) 32003 **VELVETEEN RABBIT (6)** J Gosden 8 13 ... J Fortune 44
6 (8) 20202 **PIDDIES PRIDE (6)(F)** P S McEntee 8 10 ... S W Kelly 45
7 (9) 44043 **BOND FINESSE (18)(BF)** B Smart 8 5 ... D Allan 31
8(10) 30060 **MR KALANDI (69)(T)** P D'Arcy 8 1 ... J Quinn ★60
9 (4) 04604 **FLAUNTING IT (7)(B)** J A Osborne 8 0 ... J F McDonald(3) 36
10 (3) 040 **PRALIN STAR (76)(P)** Mrs H Sweeting 7 13 ... F P Ferris 45
11 (2) 00000 **GOLD MAJESTY (60)** M Channon 7 12 ... T Dean(7) 27

LONG HANDICAP: Gold Majesty 7-10.
Star Betting:— 4 Velveteen Rabbit, 9-2 Bond Finesse, 5 Piddies Pride, 7 Flaunting It, 8 Transvestite, Annatalia, 10 others.
BEST DRAWN: Piddies Pride (drawn 8) & Pauline's Prince (drawn 6) 14%.
2003: Fadeela, 8-7, (B Reilly(5), 6-1) P D'Arcy, drawn (8), 10 ran.

STARFORM: ANNATALIA D: Velveteen Rabbit

2.50 LITTLEWOODS BET DIRECT HANDICAP
Class D2 6f (13 runners) £6,696

1(11) 40302 **FRUIT OF GLORY (13)(D2,F,G)** J Jenkins 5 9 10 ... R Hughes 76
2 (1) 00326 **WHITBARROW (9)(BF,D2,F,G,S)** J Bradley 5 9 9 ... S Drowne 79
3 (4) 01003 **SECRET PLACE (10)(C,A,F)** E Dunlop 3 9 8 ... E Ahern 75
4 (6) 10100 **NIMELLO (34)(C6,A,F,S)** A Newcombe 8 9 6 ... N Chalmers(3) 64
5(10) 15240 **MUFREH (220)(BF,C2,D2,A)** A Newcombe 6 9 4 ... S Whitworth 47
6 (5) 35210 **MIDDLETON GREY (27)(C,D,A,S)(B)** A Newcombe 6 9 4 ... L Kenlry(3) 64
7 (2) 3601 **TIPO (89)(S)** D Flood 3 9 2 ... D Sweeney —
8 (8) 01664 **HURRICANE COAST (140)(CD,D3,A,F,S)(B)** D Flood 5 9 1 ... D Holland 47
9(13) 20104 **PERUVIAN STYLE (10)(A,G)** N Littmoden 3 9 0 ... T P Queally 71
10 (3) 00000 **HIT'S ONLY MONEY (9)(D3,F)** P Blockley 4 9 0 ... D McKeown 46
11 (9) 00225 **JUST FLY (26)(D,A,F)** S Kirk 4 8 13 ... J Fortune ★81
12 (7) 40500 **CELTIC THUNDER (10)(F)** T Etherington 3 8 13 ... P Mathers(5) 67
13(12) 11132 **BLYTHE SPIRIT (14)(BF,CD2,D,A,F,G)(P)** C Dore 5 8 13 ... T Quinn 70

Star Betting:— 9-2 Hurricane Coast, 11-2 Fruit of Glory, 6 Mufreh, Blythe Spirit, 7 Just Fly, 8 Whitbarrow, 10 Secret Place, 12 others.
BEST DRAWN: Mufreh (drawn 10) 12%, Fruit of Glory (drawn 11), Celtic Thunder (drawn 7) & Nimello (drawn 6) 9%.
2003: Port St Charles, 6-9-8, (I Mongan, 10-1) P Chamings, drawn (13), 13 ran.

S'FORM: HIT'S ONLY MONEY D: Just Fly

3.20 NORTHERN TRUST HANDICAP
Class E3 5f (13 runners) £3,430

1 (2) 60104 **POLISH EMPEROR (13)(BF,CD,D2,A,F,S)(E)** W R Swinburn 4 9 11 ... J Fortune 45
2 (9) -0632 **GREAT FOX (13)(D,G)** P L Gilligan 3 9 10 ... D Holland 40
3(10) 00135 **LITTLE RIDGE (13)(D3,F,S)** H Morrison 3 9 9 ... L Fletcher(3) 22
4 (7) 04000 **SNOW WOLF (23)(F)** J Bradley 3 9 6 ... P Fitzsimons 53
5 (4) 40P50 **SEVEN NO TRUMPS (7)(D2,F,G,S)** J Bradley 7 9 6 ... S Drowne 50
6 (8) 00013 **GLOBAL ACHIEVER (13)(CD,C,A)** G Chung 3 9 3 ... DOUBTFUL 40
7 (5) 30006 **DOLLIVIUS (13)(D,F)** Ms Deborah J Evans 3 9 3 ... E Ahern 17
8 (1) 40565 **JILLY WHY (4)(D,F,G)** Ms Deborah J Evans 3 9 1 ... N Chalmers(3) 61
9(12) 00000 **PLAYTIME BLUE (22)(CD2,D2,A,F)** Mrs H Sweeting 4 9 0 ... G Baker 39
10 (6) 22410 **JAGGED (13)(CD,D,A)(V)** J Jenkins 4 9 0 ... R Hughes 57
11(13) 46000 **CONSENSUS (58)(D,F,G)** M Brittain 5 9 0 ... DOUBTFUL ★63
12(11) 10400 **ITALIAN MIST (38)(C2,D,A)(E)** J C Poulton 5 8 13 ... G Faulkner 50
13 (3) 11111 **INCH BY INCH (13)(CD,C,D2,A,F,G)(B)** P Makin 5 8 13 ... A Quinn(5) 46

Star Betting:— 7-4 Inch By Inch, 11-2 Polish Emperor, 6 Great Fox, 10 Little Ridge, 12 Jagged, 14 Snow Wolf, 16 others.
BEST DRAWN: Little Ridge (drawn 10) 13%, Seven No Trumps (drawn 4) 12%.
2003: Polish Emperor, 3-9-10, (J Fanning, 5-2 fav) P Harris, drawn (9), 12 ran.

STARFORM: INCH BY INCH D: Little Ridge

TRACKFACTS
Left-hand oval flat all weather Polytrack of just under a mile. There is a run-in of two furlongs. Stalls today 7f Outside, Remainder Inside.

3.50 MAIDEN STAKES
Class D4 3YO 1m1f103yds (13 run) £3,429

1 (5) 0600- **ALQAAYID (407)** P Hiatt 9 0 ... J F Doucet(3) —
2 (2) 60504 **BIJOU DAN (13)(P)** I Semple 9 0 ... T Eaves(3) 21
3(13) 3-000 **DRIZZLE (6)(B)** I Williams 9 0 ... D Nolan(3) 41
4 (9) 0 **I HAD A SISTER (6)** P S McEntee 9 0 ... S W Kelly —
5 (4) 03060 **JUNIPER BANKS (17)** Miss A Stokell 9 0 ... Ann Stokell 26
6 (3) 00320 **LYTHAM (10)** M Wallace 9 0 ... S Drowne 41
7 (7) 00000 **SION HILL (23)** J O'Reilly 9 0 ... J D O'Reilly(7) 46
8(12) 30004 **WEAKEST LINK (52)** E Alston 9 0 ... DOUBTFUL 41
9(11) 00 **WODHILL GOLD (18)** D Morris 9 0 ... Paul Eddery —
10 (1) 45000 **CASHEL QUEEN (10)** J Noseda 8 9 ... E Ahern 47
11 (6) 00000 **HOLD UP (41)(B*)** Miss J Feilden 8 9 ... B Reilly(3) ★56
12(10) 0 **KISS AGAIN (18)** L Cumani 8 9 ... N Mackay —
13 (8) 0005 **POETRY 'N PASSION (21)** C Cyzer 8 9 ... D Sweeney 24

Star Betting:— 9-4 Cashel Queen, 9-2 Lytham, 6 Kiss Again, 10 Bijou Dan, 12 Sion Hill, 14 Drizzle, 16 others.
BEST DRAWN: Poetry 'n Passion (drawn 8) 33%, Alqaayid (drawn 5) 22%.
2003: Valerian, 9-0, (M Fenton, 10-1) Charles O'Brien(IRE), drawn (11), 11 ran.

STARFORM: CASHEL QUEEN Danger: Lytham

4.20 MEDIAN AUCTION MDN STAKES (Div 2)
Class F4 2YO 1m141yds (13 run) £2,972

1(13) 5 **BRIDEGROOM (21)** E Dunlop 9 0 ... E Ahern —
2 (9) 00 **COLOUR BLIND (22)** M Bell 9 0 ... P Fitzsimons —
3 (8) 00 **GERMANICUS (15)** R Charlton 9 0 ... S Drowne —
4 (1) 00 **INN FOR THE DANCER (13)** J Glover 9 0 ... D McKeown —
5(12) 42203 **MANEKI NEKO (17)(B*)** M Tompkins 9 0 ... N Mackay ★58
6 (6) 0 **SUIVEZ MOI (21)** P Chapple-Hyam 9 0 ... J Quinn 28
7 (2) 55 **BLUE AZURE (13)** G A Butler 8 9 ... D Holland 51
8 (5) 00 **BREEDER'S FOLLY (24)** T J FitzGerald 8 9 ... D Allan 24
9 (3) 0 **BRIAR GHYLL (22)** I A Wood 8 9 ... D Fox(5) —
10 (4) 000 **HANNAH'S TRIBE (23)** B Smart 8 9 ... D McGaffin 28
11(10) 000 **MILLQUISTA D'OR (13)** G Ham 8 9 ... A Daly —
12 (7) 000 **MISTERS SISTER (21)(B)** J Given 8 9 ... N Pollard —
13(11) 052 **QUEEN'S DANCER (22)** M Channon 8 9 ... S Hitchcott 58

Star Betting:— 6-4 Queen's Dancer, 3 Maneki Neko, 5 Blue Azure, 7 Bridegroom, 8 Suivez Moi, 20 Germanicus, 33 Colour Blind, Inn For The Dancer, Breeder's Folly, Briar Ghyll, Hannah's Tribe, 100 others.
BEST DRAWN: Blue Azure (drawn 2) & Maneki Neko (drawn 12) 21%.
2003: See Division 1.

STARFORM: BRIDEGROOM D: Queen's Dancer

4.50 BET DIRECT NURSERY HCAP (Div 2)
Class E3 2YO 7f (11 runners) £4,100

1 (4) 23200 **LACONICOS (18)** J A Osborne 9 7 ... D Holland 31
2 (1) 60303 **ALL A DREAM (14)** Mrs L Williamson 9 5 ... T Eaves(3) 15
3(11) 604 **SWIFT OSCAR (18)** J Hills 9 1 ... E Ahern 29
4 (3) 31020 **MYTTON'S BELL (14)(BF,D,S)** A Bailey 9 1 ... D Fox(5) ★43
5(10) 50452 **HITS ONLY CASH (14)** P Blockley 8 13 ... D McKeown 28
6 (9) 05402 **AZUREE (7)** P S McEntee 8 11 ... S W Kelly 35
7 (7) 00006 **VOLITIO (14)** S Kirk 8 5 ... S Whitworth 33
8 (2) 00653 **GOGETTER GIRL (4)(B)** J Gallagher 8 3 ... J Quinn 36
9 (8) 00000 **BODDEN BAY (16)(V*)** C Dwyer 8 1 ... M Henry(5) 31
10 (6) 10000 **LAKESDALE (17)(F)** Miss D Mountain 7 13 ... J F McDonald(3) 32
11 (5) 04042 **DANE'S ROCK (4)(BF)** Mrs H Sweeting 7 12 ... Joanna Badger 26

Star Betting:— 9-2 Laconicos, 11-2 Swift Oscar, 6 Hits Only Cash, 7 Mytton's Bell, Gogetter Girl, 8 All A Dream, Azuree, 10 others.
BEST DRAWN: Bodden Bay (drawn 8) & Lakesdale (drawn 6) 14%.
2003: See Division 1.

S'FORM: SWIFT OSCAR D: Hits Only Cash

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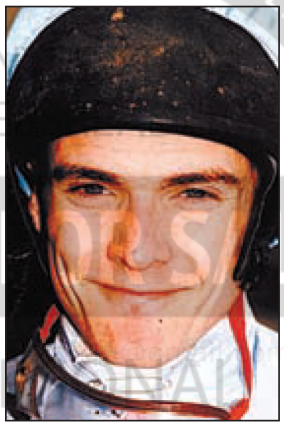

SCUDAMORE: Winning streak

INGLIS Drever is a warm favourite to build on a promising novice season when facing a high-class field in the £75,000 Pertemps 'Fighting Fifth' Hurdle at Newcastle tomorrow.

From Howard Johnson's County Durham yard, the five-year-old will only have to make a short journey to Gosforth Park where he will lock horns with rising Irish star Harchibald, who claimed some notable scalps earlier this month.

SCU GOES TO TOWN

■ by TONY LEWIS

NOVEMBER can't last long enough for young Tom Scudamore.

A 114-1 treble at Uttoxeter yesterday kept him well clear in the current hot jockeys list and there's plenty more ammunition for him at Bangor today, where he could have two more with The Villager and Amadeus.

Tally

Son of the former champ Peter, Scu junior has more than doubled his seasonal tally over the last three weeks and yesterday's threesome were a joy to watch.

He kicked off in the opener on Kingston Town, who jumped impressively to make all for in-form trainer Martin Pipe, who was also knocking them in at Taunton. Pipe also provided the third leg of his treble with gutsy Rosemauve.

But the highlight of his day came in the Holland and Finney Novice Chase, where he enjoyed a perfect round under fencing debutant The Last Cast.

Hughie Morrison's five-year-old was well backed against the classy hurdler Hasty Prince on whom Tony McCoy wore the famous J P McManus colours.

But Hasty Prince was never jumping with the same aplomb and when McCoy asked for a big one three out, the horse put down, slammed into the fence and shook the champion rider off on the other side, the pair clashing heads in the process.

Fortunately the pair walked away unscathed. That left The Last Cast well clear and Morrison's wife Mary said: "He is an amazing jumper. Hugh said yesterday that he just hoped the horse might out-jump everybody and that's what has happened."

However, some of the shine was taken off Scu's day when he was given a two-day ban following the last of his winners. The stewards found him guilty of improper riding due to excessive use of the whip.

PUNTER POINTERS

WHO'S HOT AND NOT

TERRIFIC TRAINERS: (Most wins last 14 days) M Pipe 22; Jonjo O'Neill 10; L Lungo 7; F Murphy 6; Miss H Knight 5; A King 5; C Tinkler 4; I Williams 4; P Blockley 4; M Scudamore 3; A Carroll 3; J A Osborne 3; M Channon 3; Miss V Williams 3.

SUFFERING STABLES: (Runners since last win) F Murtagh 88; P S McEntee 83; F Lloyd 73; K Cunningham-Brown 66; D W Thompson 62; R Wilson 58; R C Guest 54; P Evans 53; J Gallagher 52; J O'Reilly 49; B Baugh 48; Mrs J Candlish 47; J Bradley 46; J Billinge 41; A Crook 41; M Wallace 41; M Wellings 39; Mrs S Bradburne 39; G Ham 39.

HOT JOCKS: (Most wins last 14 days) T Scudamore 10; J E Moore 8; A Dobbin 8; G Lee 8; R Thornton 7; P J Brennan 6; C Llewellyn 6; E Ahern 6; W Marston 5; L Aspell 5; D R Dennis 4; R Hughes 4; S Thomas 4; N Fehily 4; Mr R Stephens 3; A P McCoy 3; T Siddall 3; F King 3; O Nelmes 3; K Mercer 3; B Harding 3; P Buchanan 3; S Drowne 3.

RIDE OUT OF LUCK: (Rides since last win) T Davidson 61; C Poste 59; J D O'Reilly 46; J Mogford 44; P Whelan 43; Dean McKeown 41; A P Thornton 40; J Fortune 40; H Oliver 37; M Henry 33; S Fox 29; G Thomas 29; L Vickers 27; J F McDonald 27; R Utley 26; M Tebbutt 26; L McGrath 23; D McGaffin 22; A Tinkler 21; J P Byrne 20; A O'Keeffe 18; Ben Orde-Powlett 18; F P Ferris 18

NEW QUARTERS

HORSES having their first runs for new trainers:

BANGOR: 1.10 Vicario (M Bell to D McCain), **2.10 Forbearing** (J G O'Shea to F Jordan), **Denarius** (G A Swinbank to J G O'Shea), **First Truth** (Mrs H Dalton to W Brisbourne), **The Local** (N Gaselee to C Egerton), **3.10 Super Dolphin** (T Tate to R Ford).

MUSSELBURGH: 12.30 Coat of Honour (Sir M Prescott to J Howard Johnson).

WOLVERHAMPTON: 1.20 Heat of The Night (J Dunlop to P Chapple-Hyam), **2.50 Blythe Spirit** (R Fahey to C Dore), **3.50 Alqaayid** (M Tregoning to P Hiatt), **4.50 Azuree** (R Hannon to P S McEntee).

DROP IN CLASS

WOLVERHAMPTON: 1.20 Forgery **down 2**, Nanton **down 2**, William Tell **down 2**, Heat of The Night **down 2**; 4.20 Queen's Dancer **down 2**.

BE TRENDY

No qualifiers today.

FAB FOR FAVS

3 favourites have won the 1.10 and 3.40 at Bangor in the last 10 years.

BIGGEST EARNERS

BANGOR	**Tresor De Mai**	2.40	£161,148
MUSSELBURGH	**Pornic**	3.00	£71,896
WHAMPTON	**Nimello**	2.50	£142,872

LONGEST TRAVELLERS

Horse	(time & course)	Distance
Sheleven	(12.30 Mus)	Ireland
Classic Native	(1.10 Ban)	Ireland
Balindooley	(3.30 Mus)	Ireland
Hold The Line	(2.00 Mus)	407 miles
Leopold	(2.00 Mus)	330 miles
Iowa	(3.30 Mus)	330 miles
Canadian Storm	(2.00 Mus)	319 miles

HANDICAP BLOT

MOOR SPIRIT (1.00 Musselburgh) can further exploit his lowly mark now his jumping problems have been ironed out.

MUST NEXT TIME

HENRIETTA Knight had two Taunton winners yesterday - EL VAQUERO and QUEEN SORAYA - who will continue to improve.

ONE TO SWERVE

TRESOR DE MAI (2.40 Bangor) had to be given the full McCoy treatment last time (jockey picked up a ban) and he's now up 6lb.

BEST EACH WAY

HIT'S ONLY MONEY (2.50 Wolverhampton) is from a yard among the winners and a recent first run on sand could have set him up for this.

MAGIC COMBINATIONS

R Thornton rides **Incursion** (1.10) & **Fleetwood Forest** (3.40) for A King, previous combination 6 wins from 18 mounts 33% strike rate at Bangor.

A P McCoy rides **Confluence** (1.10), **Classic Native** (2.40) & **Englishtown** (3.10) for Jonjo O'Neill, previous combination 11 wins from 36 mounts 31% strike rate at Bangor.

J E Moore rides **Tizi Ouzou** (1.10), **Tresor De Mai** (2.40) & **Altesse De Sou** (3.40) for M C Pipe, previous combination 3 wins from 10 mounts 30% strike rate at Bangor.

R Johnson rides **Ferimon** (3.40) for H D Daly, previous combination 7 wins from 24 mounts 29% strike rate at Bangor.

A Dobbin rides **Mindanao** (3.00) & **My Best Secret** (3.30) for L Lungo, 9 from 24 38% at Musselburgh.

B Gibson rides **Nobleffr** (1.00) for L Lungo, 7 from 20 35% at Musselburgh.

P Whelan rides **Mr Lear** (2.30) for R A Fahey, 4 from 13 31% at Musselburgh.

G Lee rides **Coat of Honour** (12.30) & **Lennon** (3.30) for J Howard Johnson, 7 from 31 23% at Musselburgh.

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RACING UK

TONY LEWIS	STAR TIP
1.10 TIZI OUZOU	1.10 TIZI OUZOU
1.40 FULLARDS	1.40 WINDING RIVER
2.10 SENNA DA SILVA(nap)	2.10 SENNA DA SILVA
2.40 THE VILLAGER	2.40 TOM'S PRIZE (nb)
3.10 AMADEUS(nb)	3.10 AMADEUS
3.40 A TOI A MOI	3.40 A TOI A MOI

STARFORM: 2.30 (Musselburgh) Transit (treble); 2.40 Coursing Run (nap); 3.20 (Wolverhampton) Inch By Inch (nb).

CLOCKFORM: 2.40 The Villager 2pt win

ROTTWEILER: 1.10 Tizi Ouzou 1.40 Winding River 2.10 The Local 2.40 Tresor De Mai 3.10 Barton Baron 3.40 Maljimar

GOING: Soft

PLACEPOT: First six races.

1.10 PREMIER CREW JUVENILE NOVICES' HURDLE
Class E *(9 flights)* **2m1f (13 runners) £3,546**

1 4342115 **MOON CATCHER (13)(D,G,S)(T)** D Brace 3 11 4 ..... **Mr N Williams(5) 80**
2 40 **BEAUCHAMP PRINCE (22)** M Scudamore 3 10 11 ..... **T Scudamore ★89**
3 **CONFLUENCE (F40)** Jonjo O'Neill 3 10 11 ..... **A McCoy —**
4 0P **EASTERN FAITH (8)** C W Moore 3 10 11 ..... **R Spate(7) —**
5 00 **GREENCARD GOLF (26)** Mrs J Candlish 3 10 11 ..... **S Durack 31**
6 23 **INCURSION (16)(V)** A King 3 10 11 ..... **R Thornton 72**
7 **JAVA DANCER (F99)** T Easterby 3 10 11 ..... **R Garritty —**
8 60 **JAWAD (13)** Ms Joanna Morgan(IRE) 3 10 11 ..... **J Tizzard 40**
9 **PLAY THE MELODY (F96)** C Tinkler 3 10 11 ..... **A Tinkler(3) —**
10 12 **TIZI OUZOU (16)(S)** M Pipe 3 10 11 ..... **J E Moore 87**
11 022 **TOP ACHIEVER (8)** C W Moore 3 10 11 ..... **C Poste(7) 70**
12 **VICARIO (F58)** D McCain 3 10 11 ..... **J M Maguire —**
13 6 **MISS ELOISE (22)** T Easterby 3 10 4 ..... **D O'Meara 64**

Star Betting:— 2 Tizi Ouzou, 4 Moon Catcher, Confluence, 9-2 Incursion, 10 Play The Melody, 14 Top Achiever, 20 Beauchamp Prince, 25 others.

2003: Calamintha, 3-10-6, (A McCoy, 10-11 fav) M Pipe, 13 ran.

STARFORM

TIZI OUZOU, a modest maiden for John Dunlop on the Flat, has already made her mark in this sphere. She trotted up by 11l on her debut at Ludlow and can resume winning ways having since come up against a useful type when beaten 9l by Papini at levels (Newbury 2m110yds Class E nov hdle/good). A half-brother to three winners over hurdles, **Incursion** finished 7l away in 3rd in that Newbury contest. He needs to brush up his jumping but can make a race of it with the selection on the same terms. Winner of a Cheltenham novice and a h'cap at Uttoxeter, **Moon Catcher** then had too much on her plate when 21l 5th receiving 3lb from Cerium (Cheltenham 2m110yds gd2 nov hdle/yielding). She has a stiff task again conceding weight all round and **Top Achiever** needs to improve a fair bit on his 10l 2nd to Norma Hill at levels (Hereford 2m1f E nov hdle/soft). Useful on the Flat in France, **Confluence** looks more interesting having cost 140,000gns at the Newmarket Autumn Sales.

STARFORM: TIZI OUZOU Danger: Incursion

1.40 MALISE NICOLSON BEGINNERS' CHASE
Class D *(18 fences)* **3m1½f (6 runners) £5,499**

1 32- **A GLASS IN THYNE (321)** B N Pollock 6 11 0 ..... **A Thornton —**
2 3210-31 **FULLARDS (13)(D,G,S)** Mrs P Sly 6 11 0 ..... **W Marston —**
3 P0F60/P **JOUR DE MEE (12)(S)** Mrs H Dalton 7 11 0 ..... **J M Maguire —**
4 10-2 **ONYOURHEADBEIT (29)(S)** K Bailey 6 11 0 ..... **J P McNamara ★89**
5 0PP-4PU **SILVER SAMUEL (13)(D,G,S)(B,T)** S Brookshaw 7 11 0 ..... **L Aspell —**
6 P21/34- **WINDING RIVER (310)(BF,D,S)** C Egerton 7 11 0 ..... **A McCoy 74**

Star Betting:— 7-4 Winding River, 9-4 Fullards, 9-2 A Glass In Thyne, Onyourheadbeit, 20 Jour De Mee, 25 Silver Samuel.

2003: No corresponding race.

STARFORM

WINDING RIVER looks the type to come into his own in this sphere. He proved a disappointment when odds-on for his chasing debut back in January, finishing about 11l 4th to Harrycone Lewis at levels (Fakenham 3m110yds Class D nov ch/soft), but that effort is best forgiven as he was unsuited by the sharp track. **Onyourheadbeit**, who landed a gamble when winning a Sedgefirld bumper in February, jumped adequately when a 33-1 chance and beaten 8l by Like A Bee at levels on his chasing bow (Stratford 2m D ch/soft) in October. There is better to come and he's preferred to **Fullards** who won a Uttoxeter h'cap hdle last time having previously needed the outing on his chasing bow when a distant 3rd receiving 6lb from tomorrow's Hennessy contender Ollie Magern (Fakenham 2m5f110yds C nov ch/soft). The others make little appeal though **Jour De Mee** is a winner over hurdles in France and was having his first outing for two years when pulled up in a Haydock novice chase recently.

STARFORM: WINDING RIVER Danger: Onyourheadbeit

2.10 bangorondeerraces.co.uk HANDICAP HURDLE
Class E *(9 flights)* **2m1f (12 runners) £4,793**

1 00-5026 **FORBEARING (F66)(D2,F,S)(P)** F Jordan 7 11 12 ..... **L Aspell 40**
2 -500110 **SAORSIE (20)(D2,F,G,S)** J C Fox 6 11 5 ..... **S Fox 70**
3 040531/ **DENARIUS (701)(D2,S)** J G O'Shea 9 11 4 ..... **N Carter(7) —**
4 6331/0- **FIRST TRUTH (539)(CD,S)** W Brisbourne 7 11 2 ..... **T Scudamore —**
5 00P1-50 **SPEED VENTURE (26)(CD,C,S)(T,P)** J Mackie 7 11 2 ..... **D R Dennis 29**
6 250/45- **COMMONWEALTH (265)(D,G)** Mrs J Candlish 8 10 10 ..... **S Durack 49**
7 16255-0 **THE LOCAL (213)(S)** C Egerton 4 10 9 ..... **A McCoy 75**
8 644-211 **SENNA DA SILVA (10)(D,G)** J Flint 4 10 9(7ex) ..... **Mr R Stephens(7) ★95**
9 0630-60 **CASHEL DANCER (22)(F,S)** S Brookshaw 5 10 5 ..... **James Davies(3) 14**
10 00P-PPP **COMETE DU LAC (8)(D3,G,S)(B)** Mrs N Macauley 7 10 0 ..... **J P Byrne(3) 53**
11 0234P/1 **DARK SOCIETY (9)(G)** A Carroll 6 10 0 ..... **W Hutchinson(3) 49**
12 00-000U **UN AUTRE ESPERE (8)** M Wellings 5 10 0 ..... **L Vickers(3) —**

LONG HANDICAP: Comete Du Lac 9-10, Dark Society 9-8, Un Autre Espere 9-4.

Star Betting:— 15-8 Senna da Silva, 4 Dark Society, 13-2 The Local, 8 Saorsie, 10 Forbearing, Cashel Dancer, 12 First Truth, 14 others.

2003: Russian Court, 7-10-13, (J Tizzard, 10-3 fav) S Sherwood, 10 ran.

STARFORM

SENNA DA SILVA continues to improve and can defy a penalty. She was not asked a serious question when beating Devote (gave 3lb) by 6l (Newton Abbot 2m1f Class E h'cap hdle/yielding) recently when ridden by today's amateur pilot for the first time. **Dark Society** escapes a penalty for beating Green Gamble 9gave 9lb) by 7l (Kempton 2m E cond nov h'cap hdle/good) nine days ago but that is countered by the fact he is 6lb out of the handicap. **The Local** was 17lb lower when winning at Plumpton last term and will have to find a good deal of improvement under Tony McCoy on his first start for Charlie Egerton. Saorsie won twice at Towcester last month but was never travelling last time when about 25l 8th receiving 15lb from Barton Nic (Sandown 2m110yds D h'cap hdle/yielding). **Forbearing** was let down by his jumping last time having previously returned to form when beaten ¾l giving 10lb to Lightning Star (Uttoxter 2m E ladies h'cap hdle/good).

STARFORM: SENNA DA SILVA Danger: Dark Society

2.40 ALLSPORTS HANDICAP CHASE
Class C *(18 fences)* **3m1½f (7 runners) £10,114**

1 505-41 **TRESOR DE MAI (24)(D,G,S)** M Pipe 10 11 12 ..... **J E Moore 108**
2 60F-3F **IL'ATHOU (27)(C,G,S)** S Sherwood 8 11 11 ..... **J Tizzard —**
3 412-53 **TOM'S PRIZE (14)(D4,G,S)** J Spearing 9 11 7 ..... **C Llewellyn 110**
4 66PPP- **ITSONLYME (226)(C,D,F,G,S)** Miss V Williams 11 11 5 ..... **S Thomas (3) 116**
5 /55-P4 **THE VILLAGER (13)(CD,G,S)** M Scudamore 8 11 5 ..... **T Scudamore ★122**
6 1P16P- **COURSING RUN (257)(CD,D2,S)** H Daly 8 11 3 ..... **R Thornton 107**
7 /2465- **CLASSIC NATIVE (261)(BF,G,S)** Jonjo O'Neill 6 10 10 ..... **A P McCoy —**

Star Betting:— 9-4 Classic Native, 11-4 Tresor De Mai, 11-2 The Villager, 13-2 Il'Athou, 7 Tom's Prize, 10 Coursing Run, 14 Itsonlyme.

2003: Coursing Run, 7-10-13, (R Johnson, 7-2 fav) H Daly, 10 ran.

STARFORM

COURSING RUN had been off for just over a year when winning last year's renewal by a nk. He's 8lb higher this time but was only idling in front on the aforementioned occasion and was only 1lb lower than his present mark when giving 15lb and a 3l beating to Swincombe (Newbury 3m Class D h'cap ch/soft) in January. **Tom's Prize** is a most reliable front-runner who only gave best on the run-in when beaten 5l into 3rd giving 10lb to Smile Pleeze (Cheltenham 3m110yds E amat h'cap ch/yielding) last time. He looks sure to be on the premises racing off the same mark, and is preferred to **Tresor De Mai** who came back to form under a vintage ride from Tony McCoy when giving 3lb and a shd beating to Fox In The Box (Exeter 2m7f110yds D h'cap ch/soft) at the beginning of the month. Jamie Moore's mount has his work cut out to follow up off a 6lb higher mark. **The Villager** won on his chasing debut over C+D a year ago and is respected off a 2lb lower mark than when just under 8l 4th receiving 19lb from Stormez (Cheltenham 3m3f110yds gd3 h'cap ch/yielding) recently.

STARFORM: COURSING RUN Danger: Tom's Prize

TOP TRAINERS (with runners) Jonjo O'Neill 33 winners, (26% strike rate), +£10.57, M Pipe 30, (28%), -£13.63, Miss V Williams 13, (15%), -£34.66.

TOP JOCKEYS (with mounts) A P McCoy 36 winners, (34% strike rate), -£23.49, R Johnson 26, (24%), +£18.07, C Llewellyn 12, (13%), -£17.13.

3.10 MANWOOD WINES NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE
Class E *(12 fences)* **2m1½f (7 runners) £4,124**

1 6/6-P6 **NAGANO (22)** I Williams 6 11 12 ..... **D R Dennis —**
2 P000-1 **BARTON BARON (33)(S)** D Keane 6 11 12 ..... **N Fehily 62**
3 -0246 **ENGLISHTOWN (13)** Jonjo O'Neill 4 11 11 ..... **A P McCoy —**
4 B1PP-0 **SUPER DOLPHIN (215)(F)** R Ford 5 11 10 ..... **J M Maguire —**
5 F/1211 **AMADEUS (2)(G,S)** M Scudamore (7lb ex) 7 11 10 ..... **T Scudamore 29**
6 F13121 **PINK HARBOUR (8)(G,S)** D McCain (7lb ex) 6 11 6 ..... **S J Craine (7) 62**
7 340524 **TERRIBLE TENANT (22)(BF)** J Mullins 5 11 4 ..... **R Young (3) ★66**

Star Betting:— 2 Amadeus, 7-2 Englishtown, Pink Harbour, 5 Barton Baron, 10 Terrible Tenant, 14 Nagano, 25 Super Dolphin.

2003: King's Travel, 7-10-0, (J A McCarthy, 7-2) J Frost, 8 ran.

STARFORM

BARTON BARON didn't show much over hurdles but wasted no time making his mark at this game when making virtually all to beat Terrible Tenant (now 6lb better off but well below form next time) by 5l (Towcester 2m110yds Class E nov h'cap ch/soft) last month. He's very much a chaser on looks and can further exploit his handicap mark which has gone up 7lb to 87. **Amadeus** turns out quickly for his hat-trick bid having beaten Dhaudeloup (gave 26lb) by 12l (Chepstow 2m110yds D nov h'cap ch/soft) on Wednesday. He only had three to beat on that occasion, however, and will find this a much taller order under a 7lb penalty. **Pink Harbour** was also a winner last time taking a weak affair by a distance receiving 16lb from Banana Ridge (Hereford 2m E nov h'cap ch/soft). She also has a lot more to do off effectively a 12lb higher mark. Chasing debutant **Englishtown** has a recent outing under his belt and is the one to watch for in the market.

STARFORM: BARTON BARON Danger: Pink Harbour

3.40 WREXHAM AFC FIGHT FOR SURVIVAL 'NH' NOVICES' HURDLE
Class E *(9 flights)* **2m1f (11 runners) £3,476**

1 4003-14 **ALTESSE DE SOU (29)(S)** M Pipe 4 10 12 ..... **J E Moore —**
2 2240-2 **A TOI A MOI (16)** Miss V Williams 4 10 12 ..... **S Thomas(3) 54**
3 1- **FERIMON (315)(D,S)** H Daly 5 10 12 ..... **R Johnson —**
4 30-06 **FLEETWOOD FOREST (20)** A King 4 10 12 ..... **R Thornton 42**
5 2- **MALJIMAR (246)(BF)** Miss H Knight 4 10 12 ..... **W Marston —**
6 U4-0040 **MORNING PAL (17)** F Lloyd 5 10 12 ..... **S Curling(5) —**
7 **RISK FACTOR** I Williams 5 10 12 ..... **D R Dennis —**
8 5-00 **SHAAMIT THE VAAMIT (15)** M Scudamore 4 10 12 ..... **T Scudamore —**
9 34 **WELSH DANE (13)** M Sheppard 4 10 12 ..... **S Durack —**
10 P- **FOUR CANDLES (414)** B Baugh 4 10 5 ..... **J Mogford —**
11 600-334 **SHADY ANNE (166)(D,S)(P)** F Jordan 6 10 5 ..... **L Aspell ★72**

Star Betting:— 15-8 A Toi A Moi, 3 Altesse De Sou, 6 Ferimon, 7 Maljimar, 10 Welsh Dane, 12 Shadly Anne, 14 Fleetwood Forest, 20 others.

2003: Travelers Heir, 5-11-5, (R Johnson, 2-1 fav) H Daly, 16 ran.

STARFORM

MALJIMAR is well related and, though certain to need further in time, can make a winning debut over obstacles. He started favourite for a Ludlow bumper in March (2m Class H/yielding), but could not get to grips with the experienced 4l winner State Of Play (levels) in a slowly-run affair. **Ferimon** has a similar profile his only start under rules resulting in a 2½l victory from Vingis Park at levels (Huntingdon 2m110yds H Flat/soft) in March. Both he and the selection could hold too many guns for **A Toi A Moi** who boasts the best hurdles form on offer. Venetia Williams' French recruit performed respectably in graded company last term and returned with a ¾l 2nd to Some Timbering at levels (Newbury 2m3f E nov hdle/good). **Altesse De Sou** won a claiming hdle at Auteuil in September but cut little ice in a Taunton novice last month. **Fleetwood Forest** made a modest start to hurdling when about 18l 6th to Lord Buckingham at levels (Wincanton 2m D nov hdle/yielding).

STARFORM: MALJIMAR Danger: Ferimon

ABC GUIDE TO ALL THREE MEETINGS

B-Bangor M-Musselburgh W-W'hampton

Acceleration ..... M 12.30
A Glass In Thyne .... B 1.40
All A Dream ..... W 4.50
Alqaayid ..... W 3.50
Altesse De Sou ..... B 3.40
Amadeus ..... B 3.10
Amusement ..... W 1.50
Annatalia ..... W 2.20
Archirondel ..... M 2.30
Arijaz ..... M 1.00
Armagh South ..... M 1.30
A Toi A Moi ..... B 3.40
Azuree ..... W 4.50
Baffling Secret ..... M 3.30
Balindooley ..... M 3.30
Barton Baron ..... B 3.10
Beauchamp Prince B 1.10
Bergamo ..... M 1.30
Bijou Dan ..... W 3.50
Blue Azure ..... W 4.20
Blythe Spirit ..... W 2.50
Bodden Bay ..... W 4.50
Bodfari Signet ..... M 2.30
Bond Finesse ..... W 2.20
Book's Way ..... M 1.30
Breeder's Folly ..... W 4.20
Briar Ghyll ..... W 4.20
Bridegroom ..... W 4.20
Buttress ..... M 3.30
Canadian Storm ..... M 2.00
Captain Can Can ..... M 3.30
Caribbean Cove ..... M 1.00
Cascade Lakes ..... W 1.20
Case Of Poteen ..... M 1.00
Cashel Dancer ..... B 2.10
Cashel Queen ..... W 3.50
Celtic Legend ..... M 1.00
Celtic Thunder ..... W 2.50
Classic Native ..... B 2.40
Clear Dawn ..... M 1.30
Coat of Honour ..... M 12.30
Cogolie ..... M 3.30
Colour Blind ..... W 4.20
Comete Du Lac ..... B 2.10
Commonwealth ..... B 2.10
Confluence ..... B 1.10
Consensus ..... W 3.20
Coursing Run ..... B 2.40
Dajazar ..... M 1.30
Dalon ..... W 1.50
Danefonique ..... W 1.50
Dane's Rock ..... W 4.50
Danum ..... W 1.50
Dark Society ..... B 2.10
Dead Mans Dante .. M 1.30
Denarius ..... B 2.10
Didifon ..... M 3.00
Dollivius ..... W 3.20
Dolmur ..... M 12.30
Donna's Double ..... M 12.30
Drizzle ..... W 3.50
Eastern Faith ..... B 1.10
Englishtown ..... B 3.10
Ewar Finch ..... W 1.20
Ferimon ..... B 3.40
First Truth ..... B 2.10
Flaunting It ..... W 2.20
Fleetwood Forest ... B 3.40
Forbearing ..... B 2.10
Forehand ..... W 1.20
Forgery ..... W 1.20
Four Candles ..... B 3.40
Free Style ..... W 1.50
Fruit of Glory ..... W 2.50
Fullards ..... B 1.40
Gala Queen ..... M 3.30
Gallant Boy ..... W 1.50
Gargoyle Girl ..... M 1.30
General ..... W 1.50
Generous Measure W 1.20
Germanicus ..... W 4.20
Global Achiever ..... W 3.20
Globe Pearl ..... M 3.30
Gogetter Girl ..... W 4.50
Golden Fields ..... W 1.50
Gold Majesty ..... W 2.20
Gone Too Far ..... M 3.00
Go Pete ..... M 12.30
Great Fox ..... W 3.20
Greencard Golf ..... B 1.10
Hannah's Tribe ..... W 4.20
Heat of The Night ... W 1.20
Hits Only Cash ..... W 4.50
Hit's Only Money ... W 2.50
Hold The Line ..... M 2.00
Hold Up ..... W 3.50
Hollows Mill ..... M 1.00
Hurricane Coast ..... W 2.50
I Had A Sister ..... W 3.50
Il'Athou ..... B 2.40
Inch By Inch ..... W 3.20
Incursion ..... B 1.10
Inn For The Dancer W 4.20
Iowa ..... M 3.30
Italian Mist ..... W 3.20
Itsonlyme ..... B 2.40
Jagged ..... W 3.20
Jake Black ..... M 2.30
Java Dancer ..... B 1.10
Jawad ..... B 1.10
Jericho III ..... M 3.00
Jilly Why ..... W 3.20
Jour De Mee ..... B 1.40
Juniper Banks ..... W 3.50
Just Fly ..... W 2.50
Just For Fun ..... M 1.00
Kimbambo ..... M 2.30
Kiss Again ..... W 3.50
Kyle of Lochalsh ... M 12.30
Kylie Time ..... M 1.00
Laconicos ..... W 4.50
Lakesdale ..... W 4.50
Lennon ..... M 3.30
Leopard Spot ..... M 1.00
Leopold ..... M 2.00
Lingham Bridesmaid ..... M 12.30
Little Ridge ..... W 3.20
Lytham ..... W 3.50
Maljimar ..... B 3.40
Maneki Neko ..... W 4.20
Middleton Grey ..... W 2.50
Midlem Melody ..... M 3.00
Millkom Elegance .. W 1.50
Millquista d'Or ..... W 4.20
Mindanao ..... M 3.00
Minster Brig ..... M 12.30
Miss Eloise ..... B 1.10
Miss Kilkeel ..... M 12.30
Misters Sister ..... W 4.20
Moffied ..... M 3.30
Molly's Secret ..... W 1.50
Moon Catcher ..... B 1.10
Moor Spirit ..... M 1.00
Morning Pal ..... B 3.40
Mr Kalandi ..... W 2.20
Mr Lear ..... M 2.30
Mufreh ..... W 2.50
My Best Secret ..... M 3.30
My Last Bean ..... M 2.30
Mytton's Bell ..... W 4.50
Nagano ..... B 3.10
Named At Dinner ... M 2.00
Nan Jan ..... W 2.20
Nanton ..... W 1.20
Nimello ..... W 2.50
Noblefir ..... M 1.00
No Gloating ..... M 3.30
Nuclear Prospect ... M 12.30
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Pauline's Prince ..... W 2.20
Peruvian Style ..... W 2.50
Piddies Pride ..... W 2.20
Pilgrims Progress .. M 2.30
Pink Harbour ..... B 3.10
Play The Melody ..... B 1.10
Playtime Blue ..... W 3.20
Poetry 'n Passion ... W 3.50
Polish Emperor ..... W 3.20
Political Sox ..... M 1.30
Polyphon ..... M 3.00
Pornic ..... M 3.00
Prairie Sun ..... M 2.00
Pralin Star ..... W 2.20
Queen's Dancer ..... W 4.20
Ready To Rumble ... M 12.30
Red River Rock ..... W 1.50
Red Sam ..... W 1.20
Relative Hero ..... W 1.50
Risk Factor ..... B 3.40
Rush'n'run ..... M 3.30
San Dimas ..... M 1.30
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Savati ..... M 3.30
Saxe-Coburg ..... W 1.50
Sayoun ..... M 12.30
Secret Place ..... W 2.50
Senna da Silva ..... B 2.10
Seven No Trumps .. W 3.20
Shaamit The Vaamit ..... B 3.40
Shady Anne ..... B 3.40
Sheleven ..... M 12.30
Silver Samuel ..... B 1.40
Silvertown ..... M 2.30
Sion Hill ..... W 3.50
Snow Wolf ..... W 3.20
South Bronx ..... M 12.30
Speed Kris ..... M 1.00
Speed Venture ..... B 2.10
Suivez Moi ..... W 4.20
Super Dolphin ..... B 3.10
Swift Oscar ..... W 4.50
Terrible Tenant ..... B 3.10
The Local ..... B 2.10
The Villager ..... B 2.40
Tipo ..... W 2.50
Tizi Ouzou ..... B 1.10
Tom's Prize ..... B 2.40
Top Achiever ..... B 1.10
Transit ..... M 2.30
Transvestite ..... W 2.20
Tresor De Mai ..... B 2.40
Tullimoss ..... M 1.30
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William Tell ..... W 1.20
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DAILY STAR RACING

Blow for Bey

■ by TONY LEWIS

JOLY BEY, who was laid out to give amateur David Dunsdon a thrilling ride in tomorrow's Hennessy Gold Cup, has been scratched.

Trainer Nick Gifford revealed that the expensive purchase had scoped badly.

Ante-post favourite Celestial Gold hardened at the top of the betting following yesterday's final declaration stage for the highlight of the Newbury card.

Martin Pipe's horse is now as short as 9-4 from an opening quote of 16-1 with Ladbrokes as he tries to follow up on his win in the Paddy Power Gold Cup Chase a fortnight ago.

That was just his sixth start under Rules and he will be bidding to become the first horse since Bright Highway in 1980 to complete this particular big-race double.

●Richard Johnson returned on a winner at Taunton yesterday on hurdling newcomer Fame but his main hope of the day Lacdoudal was overshadowed by an impressive show from El Vaquero.

WINNERS AND PRICES

CARLISLE

12.40 (2m 1f): 1, **ROMAN ARK** (F King 5-4 fav); 2, **Le Biassais** (A Dobbin 7-1); 3, **Ostfanni** (G Lee 5-1). 7l, 2½l. 13 ran. J Jefferson, Malton.

Tote: £2.10; pl £1.10, £2.00, £1.80. exacta: £12.30. csf: £8.67. NR: Atlantic Hawk.

Atlantic Hawk withdrawn, deduction of 5p in the £ on all bets.

1.15 (2m 4f): 1, **VANDAS CHOICE** (P Buchanan 11-4); 2, **Provocative** (G Lee 6-4 fav); 3, **Carapuce** (A Dobbin 2-1). Hd, 23l. 6 ran. Miss L Russell, Kinross.

Tote: £2.90; pl £1.70, £1.50. exacta: £6.80. csf: £6.82.

1.50 (2m 4f): 1, **WILD CANE RIDGE** (A Dobbin 1-4 fav); 2, **Classical Ben** (P Whelan 8-1); 3, **Sea Laughter** (F King 12-1). 13l, Dis. 8 ran. L Lungo, Carrutherstown.

Tote: £1.40; pl £1.02, £1.30, £2.30. exacta: £4.10. csf: £2.83.

2.25 (3m): 1, **GRATTAN LODGE** (G Lee evens fav); 2, **Malek** (R McGrath 3-1); 3, **Harlov** (B Harding 5-1). Shd, 6l. 5 ran. J Howard Johnson, Crook.

Tote: £1.90; pl £1.30, £1.60. exacta: £5.40. csf: £4.73. NR: Skippers Cleuch, Strong Resolve.

3.00 (2m 1f): 1, **THOUTMOSIS** (L Berridge 5-2); 2, **King's Crest** (P Whelan 14-1); 3, **Totally Scottish** (R McGrath 4-1). Spainkris 2-1 fav. ½l, 5l. 8 ran. L Lungo, Carrutherstown.

Tote: £3.70; pl £1.50, £2.20, £1.70. exacta: £48.70. csf: £36.20. tricast: £139.00.

3.35 (2m 4f): 1, **INN FROM THE COLD** (Mr G Willoughby 10-1); 2, **Audiostreetdotcom** (Mr Joshua Harris 20-1); 3, **Harry Hooly** (Miss R Davidson 2-1). Hallrule 13-8 fav. 2l, ¾l. 8 ran. L Lungo, Carrutherstown.

Tote: £11.30; pl £2.00, £2.70, £1.30. exacta: £45.80. csf: £162.90. tricast: £562.71. NR: Star Trooper.

QUADPOT: £4.70
PLACEPOT: £8.20

TAUNTON

12.30 (2m 1f): 1, **MEDICI** (R Thornton 4-1); 2, **Lirta** (J E Moore 11-8 fav); 3, **Teenager** (J Goldstein 150-1). ¾l, 3½l. 10 ran. Ms Bridget Nicholls, Somerton.

Tote: £4.00; pl £1.40, £1.40, £18.80. exacta: £11.00. csf: £9.22.

1.00 (2m 1f): 1, **FAME** (R Johnson evens fav); 2, **San Hernando** (R Young 7-2); 3, **Appach** (Miss Lucy Bridges 50-1). 6l, 14l. 10 ran. P Hobbs, Minehead.

Tote: £1.80; pl £1.20, £1.40, £4.60. exacta: £5.50. csf: £4.56.

1.35 (2m 1f): 1, **LA LAMBERTINE** (J E Moore 3-1); 2, **City Affair** (J P McNamara 14-1); 3, **Love Triangle** (O Nelmes 5-4 fav). 2½l, Shd. 13 ran. M Pipe, Wellington.

Tote: £3.50; pl £1.40, £3.50, £1.10. exacta: £30.00. csf: £42.13.

2.10 (2m 3f): 1, **EL VAQUERO** (P Flynn 11-2); 2, **Le Passing** (J Tizzard 7-2); 3, **Lacdoudal** (R Johnson 5-6 fav). 4l, ½l. 9 ran. Miss H Knight, Wantage.

Tote: £5.90; pl £1.40, £1.20, £1.40. exacta: £27.70. csf: £24.37.

2.45 (2m 3f): 1, **QUEEN SORAYA** (S Thomas 2-1 fav); 2, **Leroy's Sister** (M A Fitzgerald 13-2); 3, **Darjeeling** (R Thornton 9-4). 3l, ¾l. 5 ran. Miss H Knight, Wantage.

Tote: £2.70; pl £1.20, £2.70. exacta: £9.80. csf: £13.54.

3.20 (3m 3f): 1, **EVEN MORE** (R Walford 7-2); 2, **Orswell Crest** (P J Brennan 6-4 fav); 3, **Uncle Mick** (J Tizzard 9-2). 8l, 7l. 6 ran. R Alner, Blandford.

Tote: £5.20; pl £2.20, £1.20. exacta: £8.30. csf: £9.31.

3.55 (2m 3f): 1, **KILDEE LASS** (J Tizzard 33-1); 2, **Red Society** (R Johnson 15-8 fav); 3, **Tonic Du Charmil** (J E Moore 3-1). 2l, 1¼l. 9 ran. J Frost, Buckfastleigh.

Tote: £41.40; pl £5.30, £1.60, £1.70. exacta: £127.00. csf: £96.17. tricast: £256.26.

QUADPOT: £3.70
PLACEPOT: £7.70

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12.50 (2m): 1, **KINGSTON TOWN** (T Scudamore 13-8 jt fav); 2, **Catchthebug** (A P McCoy 11-2); 3, **Los Sainos** (L Aspell 25-1). Investment Affair 13-8 jt fav. 10l, 9l. 8 ran. M Pipe, Wellington.

Tote: £2.80; pl £1.30, £1.70, £4.70. exacta: £9.10. csf: £10.66.

1.25 (2m): 1, **PHILIPPA YEATES** (T J Malone 13-2); 2, **Never Promise** (D Crosse 11-2); 3, **Somewin** (R Spate 20-1). Adalie 100-30 fav. 14l, 1½l. 9 ran. M Pipe, Wellington.

Tote: £6.80; pl £1.90, £2.00, £3.60. exacta: £33.30. csf: £40.33. tricast: £657.75. NR: Parable, Damien's Choice.

2.00 (2m): 1, **THE LAST CAST** (T Scudamore 15-8); 2, **Wrags To Riches** (C Honour 9-1); 3, **Subadar Major** (J M Maguire 100-1). Hasty Prince evens fav. 26l, Dis. 6 ran. H Morrison, East Ilsley.

Tote: £2.90; pl £1.60, £2.80. exacta: £18.70. csf: £18.07.

2.35 (2m 6f): 1, **ROSEMAUVE** (T Scudamore 9-2); 2, **Carlys Quest** (K Mercer 16-1); 3, **Migwell** (L Aspell 9-1). Dr Sharp 9-4 fav. 2½l, Nk. 8 ran. M Pipe, Wellington.

Tote: £4.60; pl £1.90, £3.20, £2.20. exacta: £47.00. trifecta £175.40. csf: £63.19. tricast: £599.63.

3.10 (3m): 1, **YOUNG LORCAN** (R Spate 4-1); 2, **Buzybakson** (A Pogson 13-2); 3, **Coastguard** (G Horner 28-1). Dalus Park 15-8 fav. 1l, 5l. 6 ran. Miss K Marks, Tenbury Wells.

Tote: £5.10; pl £2.20, £3.00. exacta: £26.80. csf: £28.07.

3.45 (2m 4f): 1, **BUCK WHALEY** (A P McCoy 6-1); 2, **Touch of Ebony** (T Siddall 16-1); 3, **Le Rochelais** (A Thornton 7-4 fav). 1¼l, 1¾l. 12 ran. Jonjo O'Neill, Temple Guiding.

Tote: £6.20; pl £2.40, £3.20, £1.40. exacta: £92.60. csf: £83.95. NR: Red Chief.

QUADPOT: £32.10
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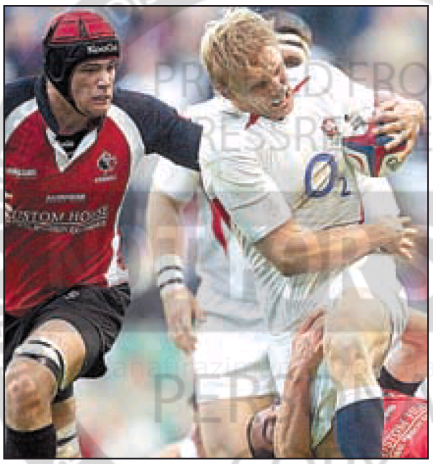


ACTION MAN: Lewis Moody takes the game to Canada

Moody's now all smiles

LEWIS MOODY has targeted tomorrow's clash with Australia as the perfect chance to bring out the best in him.

The England flanker reckons the public are yet to see what he is truly made of after being sidelined with a foot injury for most of the 12 months since the World Cup final.

The break made Moody realise just how much he missed playing rugby.

And after struggling back to full fitness following his lengthy lay-off, Moody is now desperate to make the most of his "second chance" and show the English public just how much more he has to give. Moody said: "Rugby means so much more to me now I've got almost a second chance at my career.

"I've always enjoyed the game and it has been good to me – but it means a hell of a lot to be out there on the pitch again.

■ by DEAN WILSON

Speed

"When you're not involved, you realise how much you miss it and it's then a case of striving to get back in – and once you are there, taking your chance.

"I've spent nearly 11 months on the sidelines – now I'm getting back to the way I was and doing the kind of things that I used to do on the pitch.

"The public really haven't seen the best of me yet, I feel there is a lot more to give.

"Certainly in terms of speed and leg work, I am improving all the time.

"I am still searching for that perfect game and although it may never happen, I've got to look for it starting against Australia."

The 26-year-old Leicester ace enjoyed a destructive game against the Springboks alongside fellow back-rowers Joe Worsley and Martin Corry.

But Moody knows they cannot afford to rest on their laurels as Australia will present an even tougher challenge for them to deal with – testing more than just their tackling ability.

He added: "Australia are a bit more intelligent with their game and like to spin it out through their backs a bit more, so we will have to be ready for whatever they throw at us.

"Joe and Martin had great games against South Africa and we congratulated each other, but we must put that behind us and make sure we bring out more of the same tomorrow."

IT'S HI, NOON

ENGLAND have called up Newcastle centre Jamie Noon as cover for Mike Tindall ahead of tomorrow's Twickenham clash with Australia.

The England vice-captain is suffering from a stomach bug and although he should be fit to take his place in England's midfield, Noon has linked up with the rest of the squad at their Surrey training base as a precaution.

If Tindall is ruled out, then 54-cap Will Greenwood can expect promotion off the bench to the starting XV, with Noon joining England's replacements.

Newcastle boss Rob Andrew has named Noon in the Falcons side for Sunday's Zurich Premiership game against Northampton.

Union chief blasts players' treatment

BEVO: WE'RE PAWN STARS

NOT IMPRESSED: Players' union chief Richard Bevan *(right)* with ECB director of operations John Carr

THE England team hit out at cricket bosses last night and claimed they had been used as "political pawns" in the row over Zimbabwe.

■ from RODNEY WHITE

Zimbabwe's government performed a spectacular U-turn yesterday to ensure the controversial one-day series will go ahead – although today's scheduled opener has been abandoned.

Less than two years after being promised they would be kept out of any future tour disputes, having spent days debating whether to play a World Cup match in Harare, England's players were again at the centre of talks to decide whether their troubled one-day series should continue.

It prompted Professional Cricketers' Association chief executive Richard Bevan to criticise senior officials for allowing players to be drawn into the dispute once again, after the tour was put in doubt by the Zimbabwe government banning several British reporters.

Zimbabwe lifted that ban at lunchtime yesterday and effectively removed any reason for England to withdraw from the tour without facing sanctions from the ICC.

But Bevan and the players were still "extremely disappointed" with the way the issue had been handled.

England will fly to Harare today from Johannesburg still uneasy about playing cricket in a country run by the bloody regime of dictator Robert Mugabe.

"From the players' perspective, the last 24 hours have been extremely disappointing and saddened the players for a number of reasons," said Bevan.

"It's very disappointing the Zimbabwe government decided, at the last minute, to drop a bombshell by deciding certain members of the media would not receive accreditation.

Politics

"It's naive to say sport and politics don't mix.

"But you are able to draw a line in the sand and say you should not cross that particular line and certainly using players as political pawns is unacceptable."

Yesterday's events followed an earlier ultimatum from ECB chairman David Morgan that England would pull out of the tour if the 13 banned journalists were not allowed access.

Morgan had been in talks with Peter Chingoka – president of Zimbabwe Cricket – over the issue.

Zimbabwe want to reschedule the cancelled game to tomorrow to set up back-to-back fixtures over the weekend but England's management are believed to be against the idea.

Bevan said: "The players have acted in a proper manner throughout by supporting the ECB in a very difficult position.

"They have also asked the ECB to reconsider the issue of replaying the match that has been cancelled tomorrow."

5 FOR FUN

1. Who is the Jamaican athlete who won silver (1968) and bronze (1972) in the mens 100 metres at the Olympics, who has died from cancer aged 58?
2. Which former Liverpool defender was manager of Bolton from 1985-92?
3. Which club did Claudio Ranieri manage to victory in the Italian Cup Final in 1996?
4. Which tennis couple have a son named Jaden Gil?
5. What world record in 1982 was broken by a British relay team made up of Peter Elliott, Gary Cooks, Steve Cram and Seb Coe?

ANSWERS: See Page 77

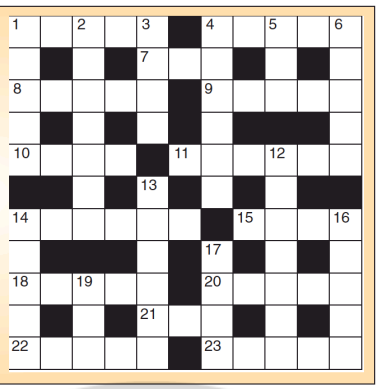
SPORTWORD

ACROSS

1. Stoke City manager (5)
4. Tommy ....., jockey who rode 21 across to win the Grand National in 1977 (5)
7. Arsenal and Brazil midfielder (3)
8. Jochen ....., Formula One world champion in 1970 (5)
9. City which staged the 1964 Summer Olympics (5)
10. The ...., Classic held at Epsom (4)
11. Tony ....., jockey who won the Grand National in 1997 (6)
14. Derby County manager (6)
15. Stephen ...., Newcastle United and Eire defender (4)
18. ..... Honeyghan, former WBC welterweight champion (5)
20. ..... Afzaal, Nottinghamshire batsman, three England caps 2001 (5)
21. Red ...., horse which won three Grand Nationals (3)
22. ..... Gunnell, womens 400 metres hurdles Olympic champion in 1992 (5)
23. Olivier ....., French Formula One driver born in 1966 (5)

DOWN

1. European Champions League winners in 2004 (5)
2. Leicester City, Everton, Barcelona, Spurs and England striker (7)
3. .... Johnson, Leeds United and England midfielder (4)
4. Hal ....., USA Ryder Cup captain in 2004 (6)
5. ... Athens, Greek football team (1,1,1) (initials)
6. Aston Villa, Everton, Arsenal and Leicester City centre back (5)
12. Sir Don ....., famous Australian batsman (7)
13. Stephen ....., snooker World champion on seven occasions (6)
14. Bradford ....., rugby league team (5)
16. Apparatus for male gymnasts (5)
17. High ...., Javier Sotomayor's athletics event (4)
19. Little ...., Cheltenham Gold Cup winner in 1981 (3)



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Brit boss's blast as Aussies call the shots in decider

IT'S REFFIN' RIDICULOUS

GREAT Britain coach Brian Noble has slammed the appointment of Englishman Russell Smith as referee for tomorrow's Tri-Nations series final against Australia.

■ by MIKE PLATT

Neutral referees were used for all group matches but the International Federation gave way to Aussie pressure to put Smith in charge of the Elland Road decider.

Smith, from Castleford, refereed both Kangaroos' matches against the Kiwis while New Zealander Glen Black was in charge of the Anglo-Aussie clashes and was favoured by Britain for the final.

Outstanding

"We're the only ones who haven't been refereed by Russell Smith which I think puts us at a disadvantage," Noble said. "I hope we don't have to be whiter than white.

"I'm not in any way asking for any favours from Russell Smith. The Australians had their way in that they got the referee they wanted.

"I think he's an outstanding referee. I just don't want the guy to feel he's that under undue pressure to do anything for Australia."

Asked if he was concerned that Smith might subconsciously lean towards Australia in order to ensure he did not favour his home nation, Noble said: "In a lot of respects it's human nature.

"So the guy in the middle has got to be really tough with himself and I'm confident that he can be that.

"I like the bloke and I think he's an outstanding referee but he's under a lot of unnecessary pressure when we could have had a neutral ref."

Meanwhile, Noble gave little away about his likely line-up when he whittled his squad down to 19.

As expected, Paul Sculthorpe, Jamie Peacock, Sean Long, Ryan Bailey and Terry Newton return after being rested for last week's "dead rubber" against New Zealand.

SQUAD: P Wellens (St Helens), B Carney (Wigan), P Johnson (Bradford), S Reardon (Bradford), K Senior (Leeds), M Gleeson (Warrington), I Harris (Bradford), D McGuire (Leeds), S Long (St Helens), M Higham (St Helens), T Newton (Wigan), R Bailey (Leeds), A Morley (Sydney City), S Fielden (Bradford), A Farrell (Wigan, capt), G Ellis (Wakefield), J Peacock (Bradford), S O'Loughlin (Wigan), P Sculthorpe (St Helens).

SCULTHORPE: Returning

■ **THE International Board have decided the Tri-Nations has been such a success they will give it another go.**

They don't know where or when the next one will occur but hope to make a decision by Christmas.

■ **Meanwhile, the rival code has its Six Nations, Tri-Series, Super 12 and European Cup set in stone.**

Yet league still hide in the suburbs of Sydney or the towns of northern England. Close on 190,000 will eventually watch this series – and still some Aussies want to file and forget!

■ **ANGLO-FRENCH Tests could be back on the agenda after two impressive performances across the Channel.**

New Zealand scraped home a fortnight ago, while Australia left it late before seeing off the fighting French in Toulouse.

■ **All the signs were that France are on their way back and potential weekends in Carcassonne, Perpignan and Avignon would make a welcome addition to the staple Super League diet. Go for it.**

Tri-Nations a true test

INSIDE RUGBY LEAGUE with Peter Wilson

DARREN LOCKYER reckons that even if Britain win tomorrow's Tri-Nations showdown at Elland Road, they won't be able to call themselves world champions.

Who does the Aussie skipper think he's kidding?

If Britain win, we will call ourselves what we like and the Australians can lump it.

Even Lockyer agrees the Tri-Nations tournament involves the best three teams in the world.

And as any form of World Cup has been on ice since 2000 and Ashes series and tours have been abandoned, how else are we going to decide who are the world's best?

The last time Great Britain ruled the waves of world rugby league was back in 1972.

Pint

Andrew Farrell hadn't been born; Brian Noble was still at junior school, and Tetley's Bitter was 12 pence a pint in even the best bars.

And even then it was a bit iffy.

The World Cup Final ended in a draw and Britain were crowned champions on the strength of their group win over Australia.

Since then it has been one long catalogue of doom and gloom, with only the occasional ray of sunshine (Melbourne 1992 was one).

Farrell says this is the biggest game in the players' lives and the Lions are ready for it – the 40,000 fans inside Elland Road will feel the same.

The first Test I covered for the Daily Star was four days after the paper's birth, in November 1978.

It was at Odsal and Britain beat Australia 18-14.

A similar result at Leeds tomorrow night would make the perfect retirement party…

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IT'S A DANNY OLD GAME

Read Chief Football Writer Danny Fullbrook every Friday

Milan deserves a meddle for Fratton farce

GOOD CHIMES: Mandaric and Redknapp before their relationship soured

JIM SMITH had it spot on about the farce at Fratton Park.

The Bald Eagle said: "Football is a funny old game – and this is the funniest of them all."

He is absolutely right. Imagine telling somebody the story about a wheeling-dealing Premiership manager who, with next to nothing to spend, transformed his side from a lowly First Division outfit into a hard-working and exciting top-flight side.

Then tell them that in the last year they had twice beaten Manchester United and Liverpool, had twice drawn with Arsenal, while easily avoiding relegation.

And how about the fact the club have the best fans in the country and they simply adore their manager.

But then comes the crazy bit, about how the megalomaniac chairman and owner who thinks he knows best and effectively forces the manager to quit a club he loves in tears.

You know what they'd say: 'You're having a laugh'.

It is not quite panto season yet, but 'Oh no we're not'.

IS Danny right about Milan Mandaric and Pompey? Let him know your views. Text DSDANNY followed by a space then your views to 82100. Texts cost 25p plus normal operator rate. Or send him an e-mail to danny.fullbrook@dailystar.co.uk

Wrong

This is the ridiculous situation that Harry Redknapp has found himself in at Portsmouth because of the antics of Milan Mandaric.

You wonder if the man should ever have been allowed to be near a football club in the first place.

A good agent friend of mine has always said the thing that is wrong with football is that too many people get involved with areas they know nothing about.

That is exactly what happened with Peter Ridsdale at Leeds, when he ran out of control as chairman because he was a glorified fan. And look where they are now.

Mandaric is of the same mould. He thinks that just because he has money he knows how to run a football club.

Well he doesn't. Which is why he made such a great decision originally when he appointed Redknapp two-and-a-half years ago in the first place.

He has become arguably the greatest modern day manager in the modest history of Portsmouth and has been loved by everybody at the club. And of course that may be the crux of the problem. Jealousy. Mandaric is the man who wants to be loved by the fans.

He wants his name chanted from the stands as the Pompey bells chime. He must feel hard done by by the fact he has ploughed his money into the club yet it is Redknapp who has got all the glory.

Has he now risked wrecking everything through simple green-eyed envy?

The problem started last season when he tried to undermine Redknapp's authority at the club by insisting that he could no longer have Smith as his assistant.

Redknapp and Smith have been like Starsky and Hutch at Portsmouth, trouble-shooting from the start.

Crest

That was where the soap opera started as Redknapp could not believe how Mandaric could be trying to interfere in a well-run ship which was sailing on the crest of a wave at the time.

But it did not stop there.

After Redknapp had persuaded Mandaric to keep his nose out the first time, he could not manage it this season.

So while Mandaric was twiddling his thumbs, watching Portsmouth make another good fist of the start to their season, what did he go and do?

He decided to wind Redknapp up even more by bringing in an 'executive director' in the shape of Velimir Zajec.

So what happens? Redknapp said enough is enough and quite rightly realises he does not have to put up with this considering his standing in the game. He deserves so much more.

To say that Mandaric has self-imploded is an understatement, and there is certainly nothing funny about it for Portsmouth's fans and players who were all devastated by their manager's departure.

Of course the Premiership jungle drums have already started and the likes of Gordon Strachan and Glenn Hoddle have been mentioned as possible successors at Fratton Park.

But anybody who takes this job should watch their back, and what would be great would be if nobody does.

Fool

Who on earth in their right mind would want this hot seat that could be pulled from underneath them at any point?

One thing for sure is that Redknapp and Smith remain two of the most respected men in football, and they will both be snapped up by a new club quickly.

Mandaric will go down in the history of the game as nothing less than a fool, and he deserves everything he

ARM OFF: Vieira hands over to Henry

Eur own fault

IS IT any surprise that once the pressure is on, Arsenal players start being sent off.

However hard done-by Arsene Wenger feels about the fact no PSV Eindhoven players were not reprimanded for their fouls on Wednesday, Patrick Vieira and Lauren only have themselves to blame for putting the club's Champions League future at risk.

Just when Wenger needs him most, Vieira finds himself suspended for the vital last group game against Norwegian Rosenborg.

Irresponsible is the only way to look at it. But then again the whole team is.

To leave themselves in this position after the form they were in at the start of the season is ridiculous, and although the players may have let Arsenal down, Wenger has to take the blame because when it comes to the crunch in Europe he does not have the answers.

SOCCER LINES

DENNIS WISE will fly to Italy next week for treatment on a calf injury and will miss Millwall's match against Burnley tomorrow.

CHESTERFIELD have re-signed Charlton star Jamal Campbell-Ryce on loan until the end of the season. The winger has just completed his three-month loan with the Spireites.

SUNDERLAND are still £40m in debt despite a series of cost-cutting measures that saw the Championship promotion hopefuls reduce losses from £19m to £1.2m in the 12 months ending July 2004, according to their annual results published yesterday.

LEEDS boss Kevin Blackwell wants Brett Ormerod back at Elland Road after being told Brian Deane will be sidelined for up to six weeks with a torn hamstring suffered against Watford on Wednesday.

DERBY have cancelled the contract of Peru striker Gianfranco Labarthe Tome with immediate effect.

LEYTON ORIENT boss Martin Ling and his assistant Ian Culverhouse have signed long-term extensions to their current deals which will keep them at the club until 2007.

ROTHERHAM boss Ronnie Moore has been told he will not be offered a new contract next summer if chairman Ken Booth is still at the helm. Meanwhile, Rotherham striker Richie Barker has joined League Two side Mansfield on a free.

SWANSEA have signed Bristol City winger Marc Goodfellow on a month's loan.

SHEFFIELD UNITED boss Neil Warnock has rejected a bid from Nottingham Forest to take Jack Lester back to his former club.

IAN HOLLOWAY has been warned by doctors not to take charge of QPR's clash with Cardiff tomorrow. The Rangers boss was discharged from hospital this week after undergoing tests on a stomach complaint.

FORMER Barnsley and Sheffield Wednesday boss Danny Wilson is on the shortlist to replace Tony Adams at Wycombe.

BRENTFORD boss Martin Allen has rubbished reports linking him with the vacant Gillingham post.

WEST BROM have been told they will have to pay around £4m to land Anderlecht's Ivory Coast striker Aruna Dindane.

FORMER Stockport manager Dave Jones and ex-Sheffield Wednesday boss Chris Turner are among the front-runners to replace Sammy McIlroy as manager at Stockport.

BIRMINGHAM boss Steve Bruce has dented any hopes of Sunderland acquiring loanee Darren Carter on a permanent basis.

STEVE BULL, the former Wolves and England striker, has had his application for the manager's job at Kidderminster rejected by the League Two side.

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COULD'NT AGREE MORE WITH JONNY RED SCUM ONLY SING WHEN THERE WINNING REST OF THE TIME THERE BOOING, T****. **COOPS SAFC**

2 jonny red, u got 1 part ov it rite, home support, not from ireland, scotland, wales,manc p****. **jardy star**

FED UP WITH CURBISHLEY. its time our clueless manager resigned and make way 4 redknapp GO NOW CURB PLEASE! **ANON**

We cant fill our ground but we wil fill poxy Che*ters in LDV. **S.Gun Wxm FL**

with all the palaver over rooney & that arm band, it seems to of slipped by that ashley cole wasnt even wearing one. **The Judge**

nice 2 c 15,000 mackems on sunday in fancy dress, shame they all turned up as red plastic seats ! Loyal my a*** ! **Andy Blyth SMB**

whats rio do'n in an anti-bullying advert when he plays 4a team of bullys, w*****. **gooner**

NICE 1 JIMMY FADDY GR8 2 C LOYALTY BACK IN FASHION ASK GRAEME SHARP WOT EVERTON R LIKE WEN DER BUZZIN KEEP THE FAITH FADDY YUL B IMORTL LK SHARPY. **EFC GY**

HALIFAX TOWN, 3rd in the league but never any mention in your non-league bit !! **Pete hxtfc**

How come me msgs dont get shown sent 2now its a joke like efc and lfc scum. trfc 04/05 champs. **mark**

Credit to Robbie Savage, giving an amount of money towards Wrexhams plight, Good luck. If we can survive so can u. Fans will prevale. **Mark@Ecfc**

to dave saint you are right saints are coming ... To the coca cola championship! Play up Pompey!!! **newmo**

TO DAVE IN WAKEY YOU WERENT SINGIN WHEN THE CLARETS CAME TO TOWN.. PREMIERSHIP YOUR HAVIN A LAUGH REMEMBER THE SONG REMEMBER THE BURNLEY. **A. CLARET**

2 willy you sad taff we did you easily at old traf if we are awful what are you? **sean lufc**

i'm not a racist but get over what the spanish fans did. What about all the white farmers in zimbabwe. S.U.F.C. **top blade**

ban england cause their fans are worse of the lot! just look at way they treat black prem stars! one rule for some. **taffman**

ady u dont no wat ur talkin bout shearer is the gr8est forward this country has seen hope ur club folds still northeasts no1. **mark nufc**

SERIOUSLY football

Allardyce defends Bolton tactics and brands

BIG BOYS BASH

HE'S SAM-THING SPECIAL: Bolton boss Sam Allardyce has led the Trotters to their best ever Premiership start

'Santini and Benitez both ignored me after the match'

THE BIG INTERVIEW with BRIAN WOOLNOUGH

THERE is a new game being played in the Premiership these days. It's called Bashing Bolton and Big Sam is having some fun with it.

Graeme Souness kicked it off after losing his first game as Newcastle manager at the Reebok Stadium and, since then, David O'Leary and Jose Mourinho have jumped on the bandwagon.

"They enjoy a glass of red wine in my office after the game and say nice things to my face, and then slag us off in front of the TV camera," says boss sam Allardyce with a big smile.

"Mind you, Jacques Santini, when he was at Spurs, and Rafael Benitez at Liverpool, wouldn't even shake my hand after we'd beaten them. They just ignored me."

Sour grapes, jealousy, frustration at being beaten by little old Bolton, Allardyce puts the unfair criticism down to all of those things.

It's just that Bolton are not little any more. They are up with the big boys, led there by 50-year-old, 6ft 2in Allardyce.

He has a squad drawn from 13 different nations who have grown to love the dream that Sam is playing out.

It began five years ago and has a long way to run. It's why he turned down Newcastle recently. There is a job to finish and he's rightly proud of what Bolton have achieved.

Tactics

He's also amused at the stick other managers are giving his tactics. Defensive, long ball, they were even called the new Wimbledon the other day.

Allardyce adds: "When Graeme Souness had a go I went and checked Pro Zone (the filmed breakdown of statistics and match facts) which doesn't lie. Newcastle hit 12 more long balls in that game than us.

"It strikes me others are using Bolton to cover up their defeats. They are using Bolton as an excuse and it's definitely catching on.

"What they would like is for us to play a lovely open game, lose 3-1 and get a pat on the back at the end with them saying 'Great game, Sam.' Well, stuff that.

"Sure, we play to our strengths and we have a winning formula. Yes, we get it to Kevin Davies quickly and if that means going long we will. But we mix it up.

"Do you honestly think players like Gary Speed and Radhi Jaidi would have signed for us if we played defensive football and simply hit it long.

"The other thing I hear is because Bolton are close to the top the Premiership can't be as strong. That is an insult to me and the players I have got here.

SOUNESS: Blasted Bolton

"This squad is full of winners, European winners, players who have excelled at the top. It's littered with medals.

"Go back four years and look at the starting XI and compare it to now. Unrecognisable.

"I had to beg, steal and borrow players at the start. Now I can say to internationals, this is what we have achieved, this is where we aim to go, and they want to play for us.

"If people think we are still little old Bolton then good, because they are all in for a shock. I'll play on that card if that is what they want.

System

"What others say about the Premiership just because us, Everton and Boro are in there fighting is disrespectful.

"We have a system that works for us and I'll tell you what, 30 per cent of others in the Premiership are now using four-five-one, like Everton and Crystal Palace. Even Chelsea at times.

"On Saturday at Stamford Bridge our plan was to stop them playing, sit back, deny them and surprise them.

"When Damien Duff scored after 30 seconds we had to adjust and did. Chelsea had only conceded one at home this season, never let a two-goal lead

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bitter rival bosses as bad losers

US BUT IT'S JUST SOUR GRAPES

BOLT FROM THE BLUE: Kevin Davies, whose career was rescued by Big Sam, repaid his boss with a vital goal at Chelsea to delight his boss

slip and we got a point. At 1-0 and 2-0 I thought we would lose and was delighted with the players.

"Mourinho, as the new kid on the block, was friendly with me afterwards, and said we were a difficult team to play against.

"It was nothing like he told the TV people. OK, if we upset people, we upset people."

Allardyce is rightly proud of some of the players he has rescued, like Davies, whose career was going nowhere.

"He knew it was his last chance and there are now not many defenders who can handle him. He has battered a few and John Terry at Chelsea was the best all season at stopping Kevin.

"I can't compete with the transfer fees going around and, unlike Chelsea, I don't have £140m to put a side together.

Quality

"I can afford to pay Speed a good salary because he only cost us £600,000 and I'd say we were in the top six of salary payers in the Premiership.

"Look at my squad, it's full of quality."

The language difficulty is no problem because Sam tells it how it is.

He is the Englishman fighting against the idea that you have to be foreign to be a top manager, proud that he is mixing it with Arsene Wenger at Arsenal and Mourinho at Chelsea.

He's passionate about football, passionate about Bolton and finds it amusing that fellow Premiership managers are bashing Bolton to deflect their own shortcomings.

"Every side we face tries to stop my midfield playing," he adds.

In many ways he is the new Brian Clough and very much his own man.

"When I look at our opponents I ask myself one question 'How can we beat them?' and plan accordingly. It is the nature of this country to knock something that is successful and it's our turn. 'Look at Bolton right up there, let's put a stop to that.' We are not here to be bullied.

"What will they say if we are still up here at the end of January?

Success

"This is the best start we have had in the Premiership and if the board give me a couple of bob in the window, who knows, we might go even higher.

"Our success allows me to secure good players on longer contracts.

"Look, I'm proud of Bolton and all I want to do is keep progressing.

"I have started something here and want to finish it."

And he will, his way. With a smile at the bashers.

'They say nice things to my face then slag us off on TV'

Wolves bid to lure Harry

■ by DAVE ARMITAGE

WOLVES last night told Harry Redknapp he's the man they want to steer them back into the Premiership.

But they may have to wait because Redknapp is insisting he's looking for a top-flight job after his walk-out at Portsmouth on Wednesday.

Redknapp said: "Wolves is a great club and just like when I first went to Pompey. Everybody said it was a sleeping giant I would never wake up but Wolves have already been woken.

"It's a terrific stadium with great support and a great job for someone."

One man who has already turned them down is ex-FA coach Stuart Baxter, who is presently coaching in South Africa.

Baxter, who was also approached by Wolves before they gave the job to recently-sacked Dave Jones, is committed to taking South Africa to the World Cup Finals in 2006.

Future

Meanwhile, Redknapp returned to Pompey's training ground yesterday to say farewell to players and backroom staff.

Redknapp, 57, will spend this weekend in Spain contemplating his future on a short golfing break with his close friend and assistant Jim Smith, who has also quit Pompey.

Redknapp – who has been linked with a move to Southampton – has already received one job offer in addition to the Wolves approach.

But he revealed he'd relish one final chance at managing in the top flight. He said: "I'm not finished as a Premiership manager. I've got another top job in me and I've still got the enthusiasm.

"I've already had one chairman on the phone. It would be unfair to say who that was but I'm not sure about Wolves.

"I'm going to have a golfing weekend with Jim Smith and decide my future from there. " New executive director Velimir Zajec will take charge of Portsmouth's game at Bolton tomorrow, while former Southampton managers Gordon Strachan and Glenn Hoddle are the early favourites to take over the job on a permanent basis.

SO LONG: Redknapp and Zajec at Harry's farewell

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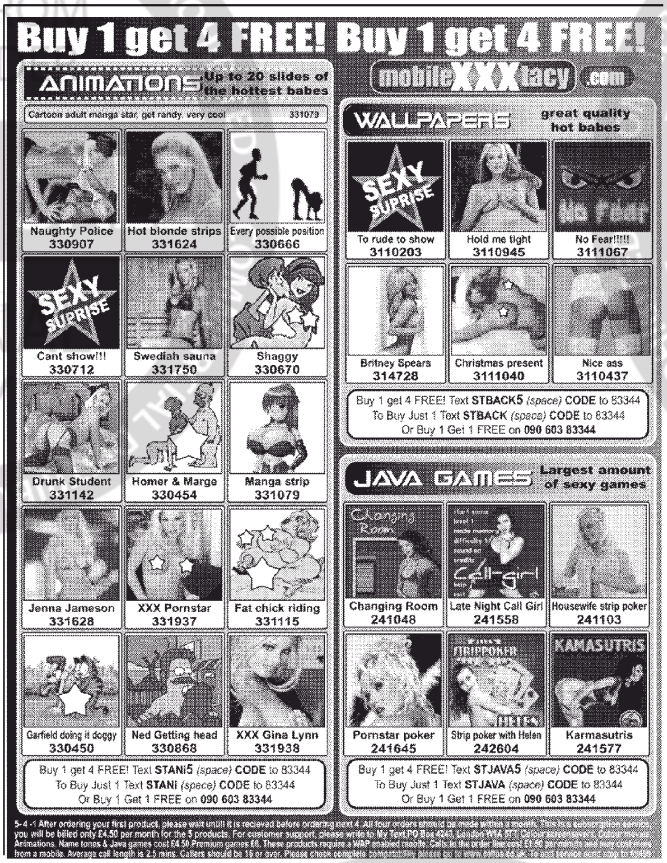

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Giggs close to Wales KO

■ by KEVIN FRANCIS

RYAN GIGGS came within a whisker of quitting international football following the departure of Wales boss Mark Hughes.

But, in a move that will be music to the ears of new boss John Toshack, Giggs has had a re-think and now plans to play on for his country for another four of five years.

Giggs has also told Spanish radio that he would not rule out a move to Real Madrid.

The 31-year-old winger is currently negotiating an extension to the one-and-a-half years he has left on his Manchester United deal but he is spending more and more time on the bench at Old Trafford and the idea of a Spanish swansong could appeal.

Best

Giggs, asked about joining former club pal David Beckham at the Bernabeu, said: "The Spanish League is on a par with the Premiership as the best in the world, and although for now I'm a Manchester United player, you never know."

And he admits he nearly called time on on his Welsh career. He added: "I must admit that when Sparky left, and then when Gary Speed and Mark Pembridge retired from international football, it did cross my mind to call it a day too.

"But in the end I knew that I definitely wanted to carry on playing for Wales."

I've Earned a starting role

■ by DAVE ARMITAGE

GOAL ace Robert Earnshaw has warned new West Brom boss Bryan Robson that he won't be happy with a place on the bench against Manchester United.

The Wales star came on as a substitute against Arsenal and promptly made it four goals in his last three games.

Now the club's £3m record buy believes he's staked a proper claim to make the starting line-up under the new regime.

Earnshaw said: "Yes, it would bother me if I was on the bench – you can't be a football player and not want to play."

Happy

So much so, he revealed he had held private talks with the new gaffer to try and make sure he could get in from the start.

He added: "What was said will remain between the manager and me but he is happy and thinks I've done well.

"I just want to play. I have found it easy to make the jump to the Premiership because I have been used to playing big international games.

"It hasn't always been easy off the pitch because I'm still living in a hotel and I've not got anywhere I can call home yet."

Upson piles pressure on

■ by DAVE ARMITAGE

DON'T ask England star Matthew Upson if he's feeling the pressure right now...

The Birmingham centre-half took a blood pressure test at a club promotion yesterday and was handed a real shock – a higher than normal reading of 160/64.

Upson, who has been linked with moves to Barcelona and Newcastle, said: "Life is full of surprises, but I do feel fine. I had a bit of a heated conversation just before I came in so perhaps that contributed to it."

Talks

Upson was at a promotion for Lloydspharmacy who are offering free blood pressure tests to fans to try and highlight the problem known as the 'silent killer'.

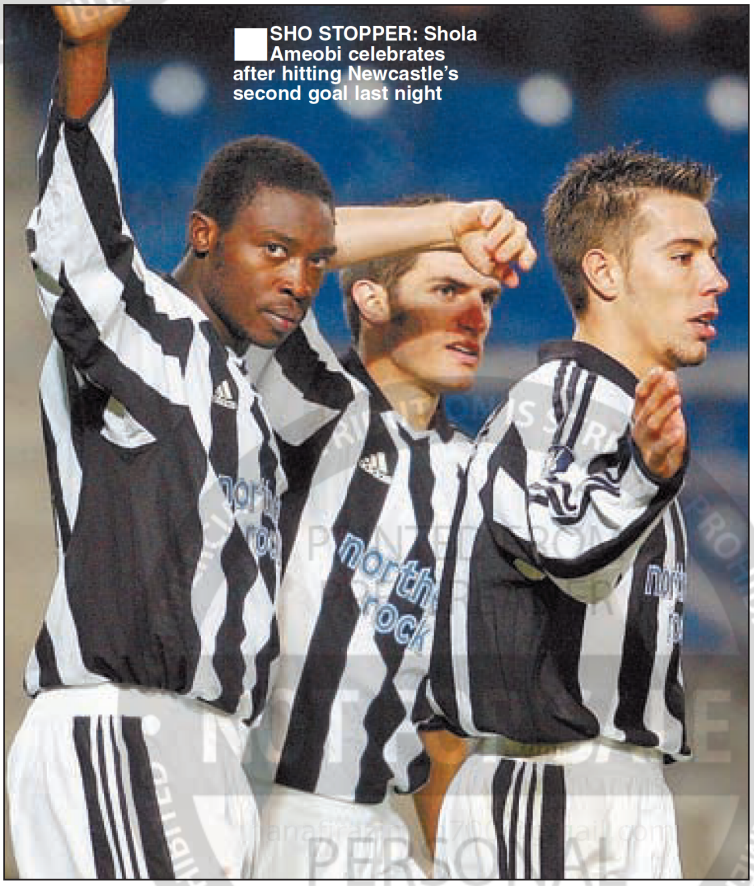
Pharmacist Shafeeque Mohammed said: "Matthew had been rushing around and that wouldn't have helped, but he hasn't got anything to worry about."

Upson's main concerns right now are new contract talks. He added: "It's flattering to be linked with clubs but I am getting round to talks with Birmingham about a new deal."

SERIOUSLY football

UEFA CUP: Magpies on the march

SOU EASY FOR TOON



SHO STOPPER: Shola Ameobi celebrates after hitting Newcastle's second goal last night

NEWCASTLE breezed through to the knock-out stages of the UEFA Cup last night – and they didn't even have to kick a ball.

Goals from Lee Bowyer, Shola Ameobi, Craig Bellamy and Laurent Robert ensured victory here in France.

But before then, Sporting Lisbon's 4-0 success against Dynamo Tbilisi meant the Toon had already qualified for the next stage, which begins in February.

It made this clash something of an irrelevance, although both sides would have been keen to go through as Group D winners, allowing them to avoid the teams dropping down from the Champions League in the last 32.

And Graeme Souness's men came out on top, with Bowyer giving them a half-time lead with his first goal of the season then Ameobi adding a second immediately after the break.

Sochaux missed a penalty to get themselves back in the game, before Bellamy and Robert's superb strike wrapped up a fine win.

Toon weathered the home side's early pressure, with Titus Bramble particularly impressive at the back.

Guilty

And just before the half-hour mark, the Magpies made their growing confidence count with a fine goal as Bowyer found the net for only the third time in 43 appearances.

Ameobi did well to snatch the ball off defender Gregory Paisley and the strapping striker turned to set up Bowyer, who from 20 yards drilled a low shot into the corner of the net.

Seconds later Ameobi fired a yard wide and with Newcastle's next attack, James Milner was guilty of missing an absolute sitter.

Shay Given had spotted Bellamy unmarked on the right flank and picked out the Welsh ace with a raking 70-yard pass. Before Sochaux had time to recover, Bellamy had skipped to the by-line and crossed for Milner, who from inside the six-yard box somehow managed to fire his volley over the bar.

But Newcastle did not have it all their way, and they had keeper Given to thank for a couple of superb saves.

He first pulled off a brave stop to deny Ilan, and minutes later made a stunning one-handed save to keep out Michael Isabey's low shot.

Ameobi extended Toon's lead just 49 seconds into the second half.

Tug

Bellamy made inroads down the left before releasing Olivier Bernard, whose cross looked easy enough for Paisley to clear, only for the defender to wildly swipe at the ball leaving Ameobi with the easiest of finishes at the far post.

Just after the hour mark, Spanish ref Megia Bavilla awarded a penalty for an apparent tug on Isabey's shirt, but Jeremy Mathieu rolled his spot-kick wide.

With quarter of an hour left, Bellamy latched on to a throughball from Aaron Hughes to make it 3-0.

And Robert finished off the rout in stoppage time with a fantastic left-footed free-kick from 20 yards.

from GEORGE SCOTT

Sochaux 0
Newcastle ..4

LUV-LEE STRIKE: Lee Bowyer crashes home Newcastle's first

TEAMS

SOCHAUX: Richert, Paisley, Diawara, Daf, Mathieu, Pitau, Lonfat, Oruma, Isabey, Ilan, Menez. Subs: Gnanhouan, Tall, Lavie, Boudarene, Diarra, De Carvalho, Santos.
NEWCASTLE: Given, Bernard, Bramble, Hughes, Elliott, Bowyer, Butt, Ambrose, Milner, Ameobi, Bellamy. Subs: Harper, Brittain, Robert, Jenas, Taylor, Dyer, Kluivert.
REFEREE: Carlos Megia Davila (Spain).

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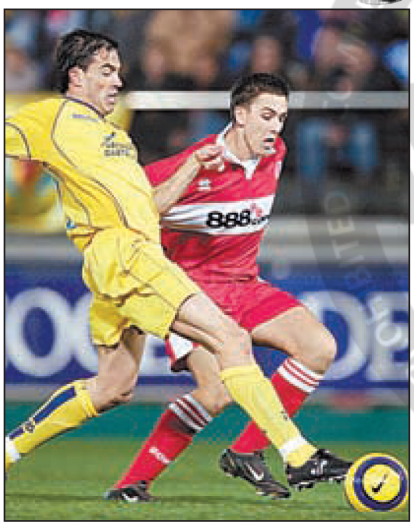
as Mac's men stumble on glory road

HEAD MAN: Villarreal's Gonzalo Rodriguez clears from Boro striker Joseph-Desire Job



ON THE RUN: Boro's Stewart Downing

SPAIN-FUL FOR BORO

MIDDLESBROUGH lost their first European battle last night but can still win the war after a bitter-sweet night in Spain.

from IAN MURTAGH

Villarreal.....2
Boro.....0

Having gone down to goals from Antonio Guayre and Javi Venta, they trooped back to the dressing room to discover they were through to the last 32 of the Uefa Cup.

For Lazio's failure to beat Partizan Belgrade in Rome means that, barring a mathematical fluke, Boro are guaranteed a top three finish in Group E.

Steve McClaren's decision to tinker with his team selection was in danger of backfiring when Antonio Guayre shot Villareal into a 37th minute lead.

The Boro chief had left out strikers Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink and Mark Viduka plus the experienced Ray Parlour from the side which beat Liverpool last Saturday.

And in stark contrast to that game, shot-shy Boro struggled to hit the heights of recent weeks with an error-strewn performance.

Slow

Villarreal were not much better and Guayre's stunning goal was out of character with the turgid stuff that had preceded it.

McClaren, however, would not have been happy at the room Guayre was allowed as he ran on to Riquelme's through ball.

Chris Riggott was slow to close him down as he beat Mark Schwarzer with a rising right foot drive.

Stadio El Madrigal was little more than two-thirds full but the 4,000 Boro fans turned it into a mini-Riverside, creating a party atmosphere with their vocal backing.

Thankfully, there was no repeat of the racist chants which marred England's friendly in Madrid last week. McClaren's decision to rest his key players ahead of Sunday's Premiership trip to Spurs saw the visitors line up with Joseph Job operating as a lone striker supported by a five-man midfield.

With Villarreal regarded as one of Primera Liga's strongest defensive units, there were few chances early on with Boro content to sit tight and contain their opponents.

Nevertheless, with Stewart Downing an outlet on the left, his team-mates tried to find him at every opportunity and from one typically incisive run and cross, Job just failed to connect in the middle.

Downing had the first shot on target in the 19th minute when he latched on to Job's fine pass, raced into the penalty area and shot right-footed towards the near post with keeper Jose Maria Reina turning the ball behind.

Gareth Southgate picked up a 31st booking for a foul on Riquelme and from the resulting free-kick, the Spaniards almost scored.

Riquelme, easily the most influential figure on the pitch, curled his set-piece around the wall only for Schwarzer to fling himself to his left and push the ball away.

The Aussie keeper then displayed brilliant improvisation to thwart Josico, who was following up. Despite being grounded, he managed to clear the loose ball with an outstreched leg.

But Schwarzer's heroics were in vain with Guayre shooting the home side ahead within a minute.

Boro were clearly in need of a half-time tonic, and McClaren provided it by switching to 4-4-2 and replacing Doriva and Job with Hasselbaink and Viduka.

Viduka at least provided a spark in the 49th minute when he embarked on a run which led to an unlikely pass to Boateng who was surrounded by several yellow shirts at the time.

Boateng was primed to shoot when he was fouled by Villarreal captain Quique Alvarez five yards outside the area, but Nemeth's free-kick struck the wall and was eventually cleared.

After ballooning a shot high into the stands soon afterwards, Viduka turned on the style by twisting and turning his way past two defenders before unleashing a low 20-yard shot which was inches beyond the left-hand post.

Neat

Riggott, who scored against Liverpool, thought he'd equalised three minutes later when he found the net from close range but the linesman's flagged for offside.

Michael Reiziger replaced Tony McMahon to add more attacking options but the Spaniards went two up with a superb 75th minute goal from Javi Venta.

He played a neat one-two with Riquelme and then held off a Riggott challenge to beat Schwarzer with a rising shot from a tight angle.

TEAMS

VILLARREAL: Reina, Javi Venta, Rodriguez, Quique Alvarez, Arruabarrena, Josico, Arzo, Hector Font, Riquelme, Santi Cazorla, Guayre. Subs: Lopez Vallejo, Pena, Armando Sa, Xisco Nadal, Garcia, Jonathan.
MIDDLESBROUGH: Schwarzer, McMahon, Riggott, Southgate, Queudrue, Nemeth, Doriva, Zenden, Boateng, Downing, Job. Subs: Nash, Reiziger, Parlour, Hasselbaink, Cooper, Morrison, Viduka.
REFEREE: Jan Wegereef (Holland).

Information Station

UEFA Cup

Group A

Basel.....(0) **1** Hearts .....(1) **2**
Carignano 76 — Wyniess 31, Nelson 89. Att: 21,645

Schalke 04 ...(2) **2** Ferencvaros (0) **0**
Gyepes 15 (og), Kobiashvili 40 — Att: 51,127

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Schalke 04	3	2	1	0	4	1	7
Feyenoord	2	1	1	0	4	1	4
Hearts	3	1	0	2	2	5	3
Basle	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Ferencvaros	2	0	1	1	1	3	1

Group B

Standard Liege(0) **2** Parma .....(1) **1**

S Bucharest .(2) **2** Besiktas .....(0) **1**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Steaua Bucharest	3	2	0	1	4	2	6
Besiktas	2	1	0	1	4	3	3
Athletic Bilbao	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Standard Liege	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
Parma	3	1	0	2	2	4	3

Group C

Bruges .....(0) **1** Utrecht.....(0) **0**

Dnipro .....(1) **1** Aut Vienna ..(0) **0**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dnipro	3	3	0	0	6	3	9
Real Zaragoza	2	1	0	1	2	1	3
Bruges	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Austria Vienna	2	1	0	1	1	1	3
Utrecht	3	0	0	3	1	5	0

Group D

Dinamo Tbilisi(0) **0** Sporting.....(2) **4**
Liedson 5, 28, 59, Chichveishvili 89 (og) — Att: 28,000

Sochaux .....(0) **0** Newcastle ....(1) **4**
Bowyer 29, Ameobi 46, Bellamy 75, Robert 90 — Att: 15,173

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Newcastle	3	3	0	0	7	0	9
Sporting Lisbon	2	2	0	0	8	1	6
Sochaux	2	1	0	1	2	4	3
Panionios	2	0	0	2	1	5	0
Dinamo Tbilisi	3	0	0	3	0	8	0

Group E

Lazio .....(0) **2** Part Belgrade (2) **2**
Di Canio 51, Inzaghi 73 — Boya 6, 24

Villarreal .....(1) **2** Middlesbro'..(0) **0**
Guayre 36, Venta 74

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Middlesbrough	3	2	0	1	3	2	6
Partizan Belgrade	2	1	1	0	6	2	4
Villarreal	2	1	1	0	3	1	4
Lazio	3	0	2	1	3	5	2
Aigaleo	2	0	0	2	0	5	0

Group F

Amica Wronki(0) **1** AK Alkmaar (3) **3**
Dembinski 59 (pen) — Van Galen 13, Meerdink 37, Huysegems 39 — Att: 1,000

Rangers .....(0) **3** Graz AK .....(0) **0**
Novo 58, Arveladze 86, Namouchi 90 — Att: 46,453

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers	2	2	0	0	8	0	6
AZ Alkmaar	2	2	0	0	5	1	6
Graz AK	3	1	1	1	3	4	4
Auxerre	2	0	1	1	0	2	1
Amica	3	0	0	3	2	11	0

Group G

Benfica .....(2) **2** Din Zagreb ..(0) **0**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
VfB Stuttgart	2	2	0	0	8	1	6
Benfica	3	2	0	1	6	5	6
Dinamo Zagreb	2	1	0	1	6	3	3
Heerenveen	1	0	0	1	2	4	0
Beveren	2	0	0	2	2	11	0

(Not including Heerenveen v VfB Stuttgart)

Group H

AEK Athens..(0) **1** Lille .....(1) **2**

Zenit SP .....(1) **1** Seville .....(0) **1**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Lille	3	2	0	1	4	3	6
Zenit St Petersburg	3	1	1	1	7	4	4
Seville	2	1	1	0	3	1	4
Alem Aachen	2	1	0	1	1	2	3
AEK	2	0	0	2	2	7	0

FA Cup

First Round Replay

Brentford .....(1) **1** Bristol City ..(0) **1**
Frampton 44 — Heffernan 77. Att: 3,706

(After 90 minutes, extra time)

BASKETBALL

BBL: Scottish Rocks 100 Thames Valley 84.

SNOOKER

TRAVIS PERKINS UK CHAMPIONSHIP (York)—**Quarter-final:** S Maguire (Sco) bt S Lee (Eng) 9-4, J Parrott (Eng) level with M King (Eng) 4-4.

TODAY'S DIARY

FOOTBALL

(7.30 unless stated)

Coca-Cola League Two

Cheltenham v Darlington .....

Southend v Grimsby .....

Vauxhall Masterfit Welsh Prem: Llanelli v Afan Lido (7.30).

BASKETBALL

(7.30 unless stated)

BBL Championship: Plymouth v Leicester, Milton Keynes Sheffield.

BOXING

British light-middleweight title (Altrincham): J Moore (Salford) v M Jones (Liverpool).

CRICKET

Second Test—Day 1 of 5: Australia v New Zealand (Adelaide, midnight).

RUGBY UNION

(7.30 unless stated)

International

Wales v Japan (7pm).....

(at the Millennium Stadium)

Zurich Premiership: Gloucester v Sale , Worcester v Wasps (8pm).

SNOOKER

The Travis Perkins UK Championship (York).

YESTERDAY'S SPORTWORD

ACROSS: 1 Woodgate, 7 Cisse, 8 Rossi, 9 Desert, 10 Bath, 12 Mike, 14 Gordon, 17 Relko, 18 Donna, 19 Bicknell.

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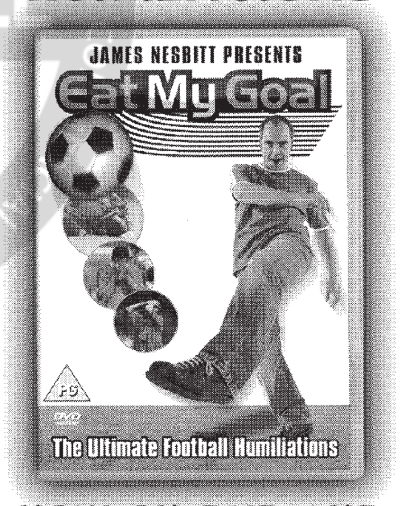

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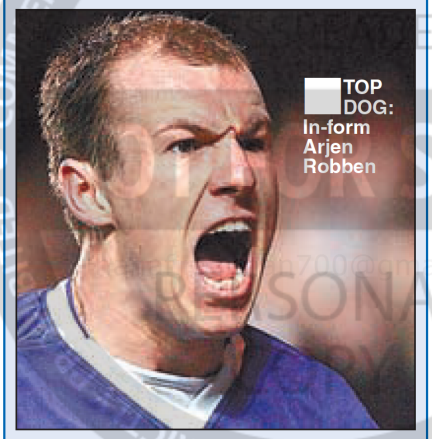

TOP DOG: In-form Arjen Robben

Robben's piling on pressure

■ by DANNY FULLBROOK

ARJEN ROBBEN has urged his Chelsea team-mates to make sure they are Premiership leaders when they face title rivals Arsenal next month.

Jose Mourinho's side go to Highbury on December 12 and Blues wonder-kid Robben wants Chelsea to pile the pressure on the Gunners by not dropping a point between now and then in the Premiership.

Robben said: "We cannot lose a point now until we play Arsenal. We have to play at Charlton and at home to Newcastle before we play Arsenal and we have to win both matches, that's very important.

"Arsenal are struggling in the Champions League, which is an advantage for us because we are through already.

"Arsenal still have to fight. They drew against PSV and need to win the last match against Rosenborg, so they have to play full out in every match.

"They are not in a good period but that can change very quickly if they play one very good game.

"I wouldn't talk about crisis but they're not having as good a period as they were before."

Strength

Robben was delighted to see Didier Drogba's return to fitness as he came on in Wednesday's 0-0 draw with Paris St-Germain.

And he feels it proves Chelsea's strength in depth that they went top of the Premiership and qualified for the Champions League while their £24m striker was out.

Robben added: "It was very important to have him back as he has a lot of qualities including incredible pace and power.

"But to be able to bring him on shows the power and depth of our squad.

"If you can replace a few players and rest them, you can make sure their energy levels are not going down.

"We have a lot of quality and that will be a strength at the end of the season.

"To be able to rotate players and keep them fresh is very important at this stage of the season."

Blues chase Nuno

CHELSEA are hoping to sign Portugal Under-18 star Nuno Coelho in the January transfer window.

Boss Jose Mourinho has targeted the highly-rated defensive midfielder, who plays for second division side Sporting Covilha.

And Coelho, 17, is eager to become part of the growing Portuguese colony at Stamford Bridge.

He said: "Chelsea are interested in me and I am very tempted to join them.

"Jose Mourinho is a coach who puts faith in young players.

"I am also a big fan of Tiago. He plays in my position and it would be a great opportunity for me to join him and the other Portuguese players at Chelsea."

SAVIOUR: Robert Pires congratulates Thierry Henry after his stunning goal earned Arsenal a draw at PSV

GROUP E

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
PSV	5	3	1	1	5	3	10
Arsenal	5	1	4	0	6	5	7
Panathinaikos	5	1	3	1	7	7	6
Rosenborg	5	0	2	3	5	8	2

TO PLAY - Dec 7: Panathinaikos v PSV, Arsenal v Rosenborg.

Henry set to Kop out

■ by DAVID WOODS

THIERRY HENRY looks certain to miss Arsenal's crunch clash at Liverpool on Sunday after becoming the latest victim of the club's devastating injury crisis.

The French striker had treatment on his Achilles injury at half-time in the 1-1 draw at PSV Eindhoven on Wednesday and yesterday was at the club's training ground for treatment.

But it is understood boss Arsene Wenger will not risk inflaming the injury, with the Gunners boss already facing a selection dilemma for the final Champions League group match against Rosenborg in 12 days.

Henry revealed last week he had been carrying the injury and was only 70 per cent fit.

Wenger is also aware the 27-year-old has had a demanding schedule for club and country, making 87 appearances since the start of last season.

The only league game he missed in their unbeaten campaign was the draw at Leicester last December, due to a muscle injury.

Henry revealed yesterday he took two blows in the Philips Stadion, which worsened his injury.

Alex caught him first, while Andre Ooijer did more damage just before the break – not long after Henry had equalised the defender's goal – raking a boot down the back of the Frenchman's leg.

"It's always the same," said Henry. "When you are in pain, you always get a knock on it."

Henry's fellow striker Jose Reyes, who also needed treatment yesterday and at half-time at PSV, is a doubt for the Anfield clash as well with a knee injury.

And Dennis Bergkamp has a slight Achilles injury, which ruled him out of being driven to Holland, but should play.

Tested

Young striker Jeremie Aliadiere (knee) and Brazilian midfielders Gilberto (back) and Edu (broken toe) are long-term absentees, with Wenger's limited squad being severely tested.

There was some good news for Arsenal, however, when it was revealed striker Robin van Persie, who was carried off in Eindhoven, had suffered only bruising to his knee and not ligament damage.

Despite his painful night, Henry was upbeat yesterday, hailing the nine-man Gunners for showing tremendous battling qualities.

After Lauren and skipper Patrick Vieira were sent off, Wenger's men held on for the draw, which means they will qualify for the last 16 if they beat Rosenborg in 12 days.

"Once again everyone's been questioning our commitment," admitted Henry.

"But against PSV you saw a team with commitment with the way we played and the way we came back in the game.

"It's in our hands and we can't have it more than that."

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Highbury chief is a touchline menace

MAKING HIS GUNNERS SEE RED

Says PSV boss GUUS HIDDINK

OFF TWO GO: Vieira and Lauren *(inset)* are sent off during the Champions League game in Holland

ARSENE WENGER is to blame for Arsenal's shocking red-card record and his team's lack of discipline.

■ from BRIAN WOOLNOUGH in Eindhoven

That is the view of PSV Eindhoven coach Guus Hiddink, who last night claimed the Gunners boss puts his players under too much stress with his own touchline antics, causing Patrick Vieira and the rest to lose control.

Hiddink accused Wenger of needing to learn how to lose before the sides' Champions League draw on Wednesday, a game which saw Arsenal have defender Lauren and skipper Vieira sent off.

Stressed

Now he has taken it further, with an interesting possible insight into why Arsenal struggle in Europe and have such a dreadful time with referees.

Hiddink said: "What Wenger gets up to on the touchline puts his players under too much pressure. He is not relaxed and his mood gets to them. You could sense them getting stressed during the game.

"They have a poor disciplinary record and this could be a reason why.

"With the kind of quality players Arsenal have, they don't need to play on the edge, don't need to be wound up. They have wonderful talent and if they were allowed to relax more, they would be better for it.

"Take Thierry Henry. Give me him and I would guarantee PSV reaching the Champions League semi-final, at least.

"Wenger needs to act like a gentleman on the touchline instead of moaning all the time about decisions. He was trying to influence the fourth official throughout the game and that is not right.

"Big clubs don't need to do it. Great teams shouldn't.

"In the end, what he did backfired on him, with two players sent off. They didn't mean to get red-carded but his mood got to them.

"We all like to win, yet you can't all the time. We don't agree with a lot of decisions that are made but the referee is in control and you are not going to change his mind.

"What is the point of moaning and being in the face of the fourth official?

"In every walk of life, whatever you do, you must give everything, try and be the best, and that is what football is all about.

"When it goes wrong you have to stand back and reflect, not blame others. You must look at yourself and discover what has gone wrong.

"It is sometimes best to wait a little while before saying things."

Hiddink was bitterly disappointed Wenger went public by saying he thought PSV star Mark van Bommel got away with too much physical stuff during the 1-1 draw.

Setbacks

"I don't usually get involved with this kind of thing," he added. "But it needs to be said. Arsenal should know by now how to cope with setbacks.

"What I saw only put his players under too much pressure. You are not going to get results if you have tense players. They need confidence.

"You have to be big enough to let things go, say well done to others and go on to the next game. In football, you must be a good loser."

Hiddink's comments follow a series of controversies for Wenger, who is facing a personal hearing at the FA after being charged for calling Ruud van Nistelrooy a cheat after last month's 2-0 defeat at Manchester United.

The Frenchman is known for his inability to see anything wrong with Arsenal, while he continually questions other teams and their players.

It has become a joke in the game that Wenger never sees a controversial incident, unless it is against his side.

His war of words with his arch-rival – Manchester United boss Sir Alex Ferguson – has become an annual focal point in the race for honours.

But this is the first time anyone has accused him of winding up his own players and putting them under too much pressure.

Worry

Former Holland coach Hiddink, who took South Korea to the semi-finals of the 2002 World Cup, believes Wenger could be the root of the red mist which has regularly descended on his players since he took over in 1996.

He added: "It is just a thought and something that would worry me."

Yet he is not the first manager to accuse Wenger of being a bad loser.

Sir Bobby Robson said the same after Newcastle won a heated Premiership battle at St James' Park.

Arsenal were again not at their best on Wednesday night and now must beat Rosenborg at home in the last group E game to guarantee going through to the money-spinning knockout stage.

But once more they have struggled in Europe and Hiddink added pointedly: "I don't have Arsenal's budget and in the summer had to sell players like Kezman and Robben.

"Arsenal have some wonderful players all coaches would love to work with."

Germ warfare on ref

■ by DAVID WOODS

GERMAN ref Herbert Fandel was last night branded "arrogant" by Arsenal, who don't want him to referee them in Europe again.

Gunners goalkeeper Jens Lehmann revealed: "It has been said before this referee is very, very arrogant and now he's proved it."

Highbury chairman Peter Hill-Wood commented: "He seemed a bit keen on rebuking our players, but not theirs."

Starsport can reveal that Lehmann warned his team-mates that Fandel was "dogmatic" even before Wednesday night's draw with PSV Eindhoven – a match which saw Lauren and Patrick Vieira sent-off and Freddie Ljungberg booked.

Lehmann had first-hand experience of Fandel's antics after being sent-off by the ref for arguing with *A TEAM-MATE* while at Borussia Dortmund!

Fandel dismissed Lehmann at Schalke in February last year.

Becks crisis talks

From Back Page

again for getting purposely booked against Wales.

But Eriksson said on a visit to the HQ of England team partners, Nationwide: "I believe David Beckham will get back to his best soon, it will happen.

"I cannot believe he is finished as a football player. He is not and I am quite sure of that.

"I will go and see him in Madrid before February and I will talk to him.

"I do not want to criticise the tactics of Real Madrid, but for me he can play better if he is on the right of a three-man midfield.

"Or if you want to play a four-man midfield then he should be on the far right, that is his best position.

"But playing for Real when they are struggling is very difficult.

Concern

"Not many of their players are playing well and the expectation is that they should win every game 5-0 and the club's players just have to handle that."

Another player that has caused Eriksson concern is Wayne Rooney after he had to substitute him before half-time in last week's friendly against Spain.

The Swede acknowledges that it is up to him and Rooney's club boss Sir Alex Ferguson to keep the 19-year-old wonderkid on the straight and narrow.

Rooney angered fans by throwing off his black armband, worn in memory of former internationals Emlyn Hughes and Keith Weller as he left the pitch.

Eriksson said: "I do not think I need to talk to him any more. I spoke to him in the dressing room and on the plane coming home.

"I have talked to Alex Ferguson about it and I do not feel there will be a problem. Of course it is in the interest of Alex and myself that he goes on growing into the big, big football player that he can be.

"He is in a good football club and it is in the interest of Wayne, Manchester United and England fans that he becomes the best talent that he can.

"I think David Moyes looked after him well at Everton but Ferguson has had huge experience of dealing with young players.

Worst

"But when I pick players I have to make sure they behave as they should and I will talk to the clubs if there is a problem that I feel is important."

He added: "It was the worst game I have ever seen my players play against Spain but I do not feel they let me down.

"It was hard for them to keep their focus and they would not play like that in a competitive game.

"I still think we have moved forward and have done well in our World Cup qualification games.

"As long as we keep clear of injury I feel there is every possibility we can go to Germany in 2006 and win the tournament because I think we will have better players than we had in both Japan and Portugal."

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Sou men romp it

■ by GEORGE SCOTT

NEWCASTLE cruised into the knockout stages of the UEFA Cup with a glorious 4-0 victory over Sochaux in France.

Goals from Lee Bowyer – his first of the season – Shola Ameobi, Craig Bellamy and a fantastic fourth from a free-kick by Lauren Robert put a huge smile on the face of boss Graeme Souness as the Toon won in France for the first time in their history.

Newcastle knew they were in the knockout stage before kick-off after Sporting Lisbon whipped Dynamo Tbilisi 4-0 in an early kick-off. But, just to show their superiority, the Geordies did the business in style.

But it was a different story for north-east rivals Middlesbrough who went down 2-0 to Spaniards Villarreal.

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TOON RAIDERS: Craig Bellamy (*left*) and James Milner congratulate hitman Shola Ameobi after he struck Newcastle's second goal last night

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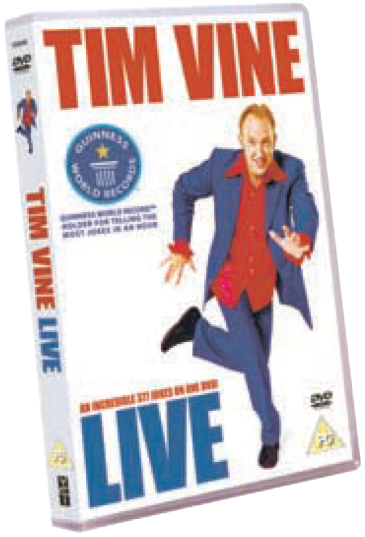

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BECKS IN CRISIS TALKS

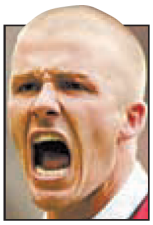
England boss plans skipper summit

■ by DANNY FULLBROOK

SVEN GORAN ERIKSSON is planning crisis talks with David Beckham.

The England coach will fly to Madrid before the next Three Lions game against Holland on February 9 for a heart-to-heart with his skipper.

Eriksson insisted yesterday that Becks is not finished as a footballer despite his poor form for England. But the Swede made it clear he is concerned about the 29-year-old and in particular his role at Real Madrid.



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Fierce

Many critics feel Beckham does not deserve his place in the starting 11 for England, let alone the captaincy.

He came in for fierce criticism at Euro 2004 and then

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